

Colne

Junior Badminton Club

Name of Club: Colne Junior Badminton Club

Date of return: 16th April was the first night back after Lockdown 3 – Getting our juniors back on court safely.

Number of Juniors: We had 28 juniors attend the first night which was fantastic to see and made it all worth it!

Since lockdown started, we have kept in touch with all the junior members and parents at least monthly, to advise them on keeping active and when badminton is on tv.

Prior to this first night, zoom meetings for our management team and coaching staff were held to establish how we were going to restart. We have followed Badminton England's guidance to the letter and all staff completed the suggested covid training. A detailed list of changes to bookings and ways to pay was developed in conjunction with the centre staff, to ensure our procedures gelled with theirs. This was circulated to all players, coaches and our welfare officer well in advance of the first session. In addition, in-hall procedures for sanitising hands between exercises and not touching nets and posts were communicated to players prior to the sessions. Players were asked to bring their own skipping ropes rather than borrow ours.

All staff did a lateral flow covid test within 24 hours before the sessions and at the beginning of sessions players were asked to confirm they had also been tested within 72 hours. A bottle of hand sanitiser was placed at the end of each court for staff and players to use throughout the sessions and antiviral wipes were used to clean all equipment going back into store.

Our club welfare officer attended the first night to support players and staff and check players were happy.

Hannah said "it worked well, we all knew what to do and it only took a few reinforcing instructions to make sure all players complied with safe practice. So good to be back". (Assistant Coach)

Daisy said, "great to be back and see the young players so happy, loads of players with rosy cheeks from a good workout". (Assistant Coach)

"Ethan, Adam and parents are grateful badminton is back. Great sport, exercise and stress reliever" (Parent)

"Kyran said it was fantastic being back, he thoroughly enjoyed it!" (Parent)