



Press Release

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Farnborough OBG FC celebrate grant award

Football in Farnborough, Kent received a boost today as Farnborough Old Boys Guild FC were awarded a **Club Preparation Fund** grant by the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation.

The £500 grant from the Foundation's Club Preparation Fund will help FOBG to prepare their buildings to reopen safely in line with [Government guidance](#) around hygiene and social distancing, and [The FA's plans for a 'phased return'](#) that were announced on 18 July.

The Club Preparation Fund follows the £7m of investment awarded to 2,900 organisations through last month's Pitch Preparation Fund, also delivered by the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation. This is enabling over 9,000 football pitches to be made match-fit, and is benefiting over 33,000 football teams.

Speaking about their funding success, Danny Saines, Chairman at FOBG, said: *"the Club Preparation Fund grant is a very important contribution towards ensuring the club is made as safe as possible in readiness to reopen after this very challenging period."*

In parallel to this grant application, the club has been working hard towards a reopening date, forming a COVID-19 sub committee and publishing their own detailed [COVID-19 risk assessment](#).

The Football Foundation is a charity funded by the Premier League, The FA and the Government, through Sport England.

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The FA also released bespoke [guidance for outdoor facility providers](#) to help achieve the Government's guidelines. Providers will need to carry out a COVID-19 risk assessment, then adapt their facilities via three key 'controls': promoting good hygiene; keeping facilities and equipment clean; and maintaining social distancing and avoiding congestion.

About the Football Foundation

The Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation is the largest sports charity in the UK. It champions and supports fair access to quality football facilities for everyone, regardless of postcode, gender, race, disability or place.



The Foundation receives money from the Premier League, The FA and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, through Sport England. This is matched with partnership funding and awarded as grants to create outstanding grassroots facilities that enable better games and attract more players, helping to transform communities.

The Football Foundation celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Since 2000, it has awarded more than 11,409 grants to improve facilities worth more than £631m – including 901 artificial grass pitches, 5,460 natural grass pitches and 1,137 changing facilities. This has attracted an additional £736m of partnership funding – totalling over £1.4bn investment in grassroots football so far.

Through the Foundation, the Premier League, The FA, DCMS and Sport England have come together to create the National Football Facilities Strategy (NFFS) that will guide work over the next ten years to transform many more local facilities. Local Football Facility Plans (LFFP) are being created to identify priority projects where demand is greatest, and the impact will be strongest and help stimulate the action required to deliver them.

Visit footballfoundation.org.uk for more information on the Foundation.