

I am writing about to the trip to the Gothia World Youth Cup in July.

Despite the ongoing situation, the Gothia Cup's current position is that the tournament is going ahead. In addition, there are currently no travel restrictions in place for July and the airlines have not cancelled our flights.

The balance of the monies due (£808 for flyers or £386 for non-flyers) is due from parents by 1 May 2020.

But with everything going on at the moment, we recognise that many parents may be unsure about players travelling. It seems sensible and fair to try to find a solution to suit parents, players and the organisation which has already incurred considerable outlay for the trip to Gothia Cup 2020, some of which we will not be able to reclaim even if the trip does not go ahead.

In addition, a lot of parents have expressed concern that players who do not get the opportunity to attend the Gothia Cup this year will need to re-trial and may therefore miss out on the opportunity to go to Gothia Cup in future.

Therefore, we are proposing to give parents the opportunity to request:

- (a) a place on the 2021 trip now, without the need to attend trials for re-selection, with the price of the Tournament fee frozen at 2020 prices and with a guarantee of the same squad number for 2021;
- (b) withdrawal from the 2020 trip;
- (c) a refund of the deposit payment, minus the costs which we do not expect to be able to re-claim even if the trip does not go ahead. For non-flyers the credit will be £337 and for flyers this will be £163.

I have therefore attached a request form for parents to complete. This should clarify the options for parents.

Parents will understand that as football is a team game, we will need to assess parents' wishes before making a decision about how best to proceed. Once we have received parents' requests, we will review matters and will be in touch during the week commencing 20 April 2020 to confirm the position in advance of the 1 May payment deadline.

If a Parent neither returns the completed form, nor pays the balance, their son/daughters place on the trip will be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

A huge amount of work has gone into organising the Gothia Cup trip over the last nine months. I am very grateful to parents for their support and to everyone who has worked so hard to put this trip together only to find ourselves in such an unprecedented situation.

A Question and Answer page has been set-up on our website at www.TBC

Please return the form by 4pm on 17 April 2020. We can then review people's wishes and make a decision.

Best wishes,

Dan Abraham

Attached:
Request Form