

Dear Colts & Parents,

Further to my message of last week I would just like to:-

- a) Thank all the families who have responded by transferring funds already,
- b) Ask as many of you who are able to, to do the same, and
- c) Put the request in a bit more context for you all (super suggestion from a parent).

Many of our outgoings are set on monthly standing orders, but the vast majority of our income is not.

The delay of the start of the season (or even total cancellation) has given us a headache, and crucially some cash flow issues.

The committee met recently and have done everything possible to try and ensure we are not bankrupt any time soon.

In no particular order:-

There is a contracted groundsman and the playing areas to maintain.

Equipment to be serviced and repaired.

Licences, league affiliation fees and match balls to pay for.

Utilities (all three, gas, electric and water) have been deferred, delayed, or stopped wherever possible – the club has been “mothballed”.

Media (Internet, Sky) all the same.

The bar is of course closed, (but previously ordered stock to pay for) which means we will not get any income from that until this is all over.

I'm sure you also know, that our reserves were spent on the outfield with overdue work which is one of the reasons we're where we are.

On the outfield note, some visitors to the playing fields blatantly ignored the fencing that was up, and some youths were playing football on the square last week too.

We clearly can't manage everybody's behaviour, but if you are walking your dog, or out exercising, and you see this sort of thing going on, I would encourage all of you, to politely but firmly ask them to desist.

Thanks for reading this far, and I hope you feel able to respond.

Most importantly, stay safe, wash those hands!

Kind regards,

Martin

Chairman Shenfield CC