

**The Yorkshire County Cricket Club**  
Emerald Headingley Cricket Ground  
Kirkstall Lane  
Headingley  
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**To: MCR Members; All Clubs; Leagues; Associations and Sub-Committees**

Hi Everyone

### **COVID-19 pandemic**

The YCCC and YCB have been following the government's advice on a daily basis and moved swiftly to ensure that we are protecting our staff and the wider cricket family. We have taken the decision to furlough a large proportion of our staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emerald Headingley has been closed in accordance with the government's ongoing advice during the nationwide lockdown. The Club and YCB will continue to operate with a skeleton staff during this period.

At this unprecedented time, we have taken this positive step to protect jobs.

**The YCB Staff who are currently operating in recreational cricket are:**

- Andrew Watson (MD)
- Jane Hildreth (Operations)
- Richard Wilkinson (Head of NY Cricket)
- Gareth Davis (Head of SY Cricket)
- James Martin (Head of EY Cricket)
- Steve Archer (Head of WY Cricket)
- Ray Knowles (Safeguarding)

There is obviously great uncertainty around what the coming months will bring, however, it is important that we offer strength and support to each other in such unpredictable times.

We understand that countless hours of work from thousands of volunteers have already gone into getting ready for the 2020 season and we know how disappointing this will be. We are thankful for the huge role that volunteers play in local cricket, to ensure the game remains at the heart of our communities.

We know that you and your clubs, leagues and Associations can play an important role in bringing communities together once we get past this period of time.

The Yorkshire Cricket Board staff (listed above) will help and support you all the way. You are definitely not alone in this and we shall be all working together to support you all.

We shall continue to support all recreational cricket collectively the best way we possibly can, whilst ultimately supporting and keeping everyone safe. Please contact your local Head of Region for any assistance required or e-mail [cricket.enquiries@yorkshirecb.com](mailto:cricket.enquiries@yorkshirecb.com).

Please visit the County Club's or YCB's websites or their official social media channels for further information.

Finally, I wish to sincerely thank you for your commitment, time and indeed patience at this worrying time.

Kind regards and please stay safe

**Andrew Watson**  
Managing Director