

# Old Whitgiftian AFC INFORMATION FOR VISITING TEAMS



## WELCOME TO "THE MANOR"

Firstly - we would like to extend a big welcome to you and your Club

...and hope that while we intend your team to go away point-less, having played in a good competitive game of football (played in the right spirit)... you will have;

- 1) found our facilities to your liking,
- 2) been treated well,
- 3) eaten a tasty meal,
- 4) enjoyed a drink at the bar

...and even found time to join in with our famous banter.

**In general, we want you to remember your Old Whitgiftian experience!**

### AFC - Spirit of football

At Old Whitgiftian AFC, we are totally supportive of the [Amateur Football Combination's "Spirit of Football"](#) campaign and believe that fostering strong and long-term links with other AFC members is in everyone's best interest. We have designed this webpage with you in mind and hope to provide as much relevant information as possible to make your match day organisation that little bit easier. Club Secretaries, Team Managers and players can either print off this webpage or the attached Adobe Acrobat file (pdf) to use as they see fit.

### How to get to the ground

**Nearest Station** - South Croydon (Network Rail, 30 minutes from London Victoria, 10 minute walk).

**Directions from station:** Turn left out of station into Croham Road (B243) and follow along to Croham Manor Road (fifth right).

### If You Are Feeling Really Lazy...

Nearest Station - **East Croydon** - then take **Bus 64** or **T33** from stand **E2** (6 minute journey) to Request Stop "**St Paul's Reform Church**", this is opposite ground and is only a 2 minute walk to the entrance.



On most match days we are able to provide changing facilities for each visiting team. The only exceptions to this, are if there are any special functions or tournaments taking place. Usually, there are Club officials at The Manor in preparation for your visit and the changing rooms will be unlocked. If locked, please identify your team's name at the bar or with a member of groundstaff, who will be happy to help you.

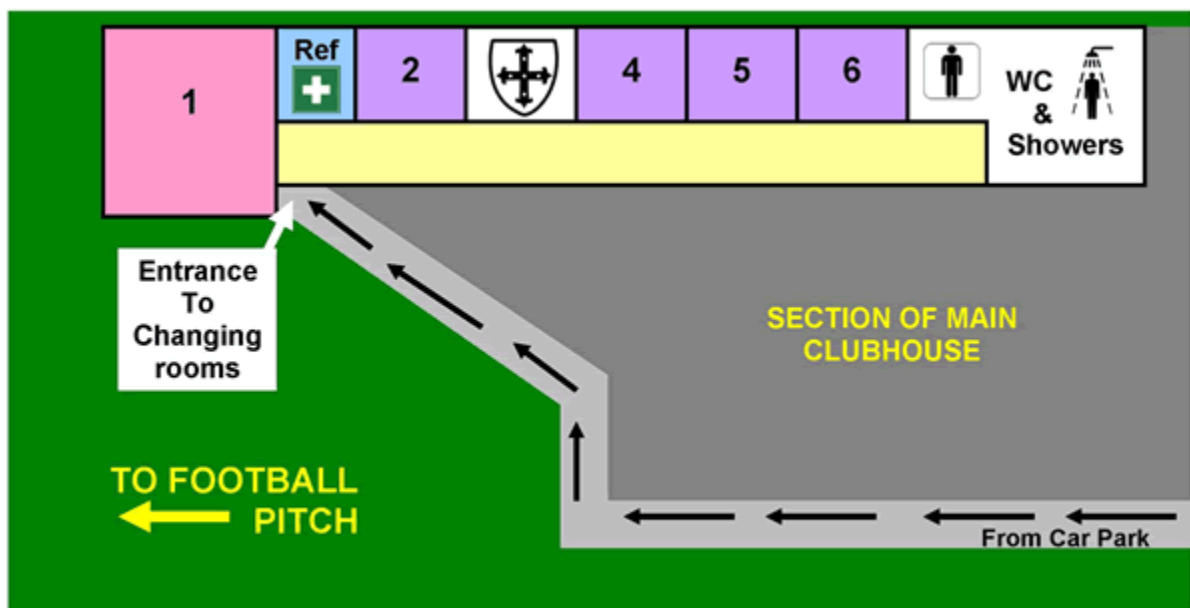
PLEASE NOTE - All changing rooms are locked during the games, but we recommend that valuable items are not left in changing rooms.

### Referees

Separate changing facilities are provided for Match Officials, this also doubles as the First Aid room. On arrival at the ground, we would be grateful if you could identify yourself to the Team Manager, who will welcome you on behalf of the Club. Two fully-inflated match balls will be presented to you at pitchside unless you request them earlier. In most instances, nets and corner flags will be in ready for your inspection 10 minutes prior to kick-off.

### Advice for Valuables

In each changing room, we provide a secure metal box in which teams can place their valuables, if they so wish and leave them behind the bar for safety. This facility is provided by the Old Whitgiftian Association, but no liability can be accepted for lost or damaged items left in this manner and players leave such items at their own risk. We strongly recommend that no valuables be left in changing rooms.

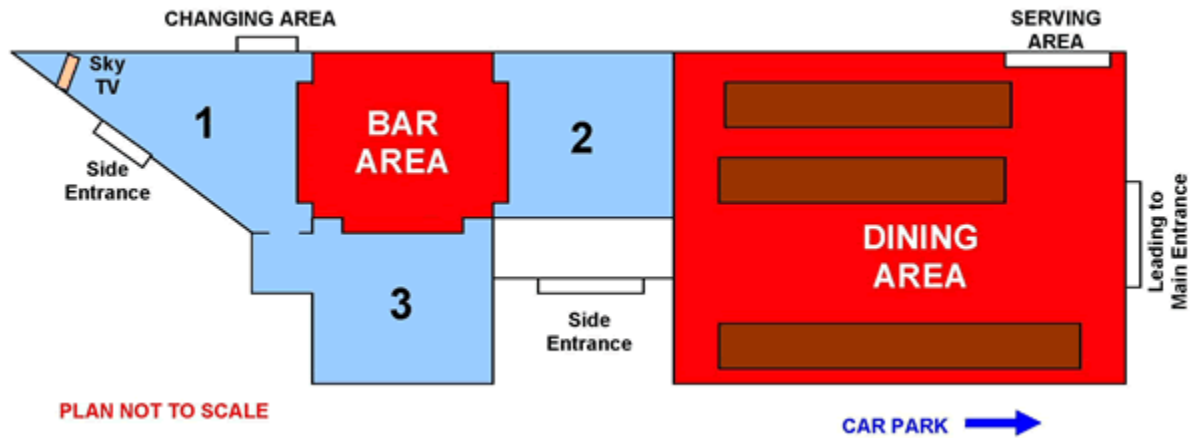


### The Football pitch

To reach the football pitch, turn right upon leaving the main entrance of the changing facilities. It takes around 2 minutes to walk to the pitch. In accordance with AFC guidelines, a fully-inflated warm-up football will be made available to your team on request.

### Food & Refreshments

After the game, visiting teams and match officials are entitled to a hot meal served in the Club's spacious dining hall. This facility is open to participating players only. A wide range of drinks and snacks can also be purchased at our licensed bars.



### Respecting our Neighbours & Members

On match days, "The Manor" is often a very busy place with senior members, families and young children present for a variety of events and social occasions. We would ask all visitors to please respect their right to an enjoyable experience as well and modify their behaviour accordingly and to refrain from any activities that are likely to cause offence to any other person.

### Feedback

Let us know what you think about your visit. What have we got right, what have we got wrong and what can we improve upon to make future visits better. Please visit our website and tell us about your day.