



Notts County Foundation

Inspiring active change

COVID-19: PORTLAND MEMBERS STATEMENT: JANUARY 2021

FIRSTLY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING ONE OF THE 250+ GYM MEMBERS AND THE 300+ SWIM SCHOOL MEMBERS WHO HAVE STUCK WITH US THROUGHOUT 2020, AS WE'VE TRIED TO OPERATE AND INNOVATE AROUND THE CHALLENGES OF THIS PANDEMIC. SECONDLY, IN THE LIGHT OF THE LATEST NATIONAL LOCKDOWN, WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY REQUIRED TO CLOSE THE PORTLAND CENTRE ONCE AGAIN. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH INTO THE FUTURE WHEN WE KNOW MORE ABOUT WHEN WE WILL BE ALLOWED TO REOPEN.

2020 WAS CLEARLY A VERY UNUSUAL YEAR, YET YOU GYMED, YOU CLASSED, YOU HIRED AND YOU BLOCK BOOKED. WE ALL LAUGHED, WE ALL CRIED, WE ALL SWEATED AND CHEERED EACH OTHER ON OVER THE PAST 12 CRAZY MONTHS. YOU INSPIRED US ALL AT THE PORTLAND CENTRE AND ACROSS NOTTS COUNTY FOUNDATION WITH YOUR RESILIENCE AND COMMITMENT TO STAYING FIT AND SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR ON-GOING MEMBERSHIP. WE KNOW THIS IS NOT THE NEWS THAT ANYBODY WANTED TO START THE NEW YEAR WITH, BUT WITH THE UPDATE OF VACCINES COMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THERE DOES SEEM TO BE GENUINE LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS TUNNEL; WHERE THERE ARE DARK TIMES WE HAVE COLLECTIVELY SHOWN THAT THROUGH COMING TOGETHER WE CAN ALL INSPIRE ACTIVE CHANGE.

UNTIL THE TIME WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO WELCOME YOU ALL BACK TO PORTLAND PLEASE STAY SAFE, TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER, KEEP ACTIVE AND KEEP SMILING.

