

KIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL PLAYGROUND RISK ASSESSMENT – SPREAD OF COVID 19

SITE LOCATION	Recreation Ground, off High Street, Kimpton		
UNDERTAKEN BY	Carina Helmn	DATE OF INSPECTION	13th July 2020
OVERALL RISK RATING	8	SITE STATUS LEVEL	Moderate
AGREED ACTION : (Open / Close / Partially reopen)	Open	REVIEW DATE	September 2020

Instructions:

1. This applies to all work activities that fall under this activity.
2. If this risk assessment does not cover all of the hazards and existing control measures required relevant to your service, you should add them below at 'Other risks (please detail)' and notify the Clerk and/or Service Manager by sending the risk assessment attached to the email.
3. If further controls are necessary, these should be recorded in the 'Additional controls to reduce risk' column and a revised lower score given.
4. Please communicate this risk assessment to all staff e.g. via email, team meetings etc evidencing how you do this.
5. Review the risk assessment annually, after an accident/incident or significant changes to the workplace or working processes.

Terminology:

- **Activity**- The use of facility being undertaken.
- **Hazard**- Something with the potential to cause harm. Harm can be physical, chemical, biological or psychological.
- **Control Measures**- Actions taken to prevent hazard being realised. Control measures can include such areas as training, supervision, safe systems of work, maintenance procedures, physical measures such as guarding and personal protective equipment.
- **Likelihood** – the chances of harm occurring on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being highly unlikely and 5 being highly likely
- **Risk Rating**- Multiply the likelihood figure by the severity figure to get the risk rating after the existing control measures have been considered.
- **Severity** – the level of harm/injury caused by the accident or incident, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being First aid required and 5 being a fatality.

**Likelihood (L) × Severity (S)
= Risk Rating (RR):**

	L = 1	L = 2	L = 3	L = 4	L = 5
S = 1	1	2	3	4	5
S = 2	2	4	6	8	10
S = 3	3	6	9	12	15
S = 4	4	8	12	16	20
S = 5	5	10	15	20	25

**Possible
Likelihood**

5 Highly likely
4 Likely
3 Possible
2 Unlikely
1 Highly unlikely

Possible Severity

5 Fatality
4 Major injury
3 Hospital
treatment
2 First aid required
1 No injury

Rating	Action
15-25 Very High	Work should not be undertaken without reducing risk
10-12 High	As above
8-9 Moderate	Work fine to continue. Additional controls should be considered
4-6 Low	Work fine to continue with existing controls
1-3 Very Low	As above

STAGE 1 : RISK ASSESSMENT

Nature of hazard or issue increasing risk of transmission	Persons at direct risk	Likelihood x Severity = Risk Rating			Recommended Control Measures (if RR > 6)	Potential additional controls to reduce risk, where reasonably practical (if RR > 10)
		L	S	RR		
Potential overcrowding on equipment	Children and those supervising.				Signs to advise public to avoid when busy. Signs requiring queuing for equipment, parent/carer supervision and social distancing. Sign to advise on capacity of facility to enable social distancing of 2m as recommended by the Public Health Agency. Use of a booking system. One-way system but difficult to police.	Additional signs promoting social distancing. Signs regularly checked. Monitor and re-close facility, if issue considered excessive and uncontrollable. Playground is free access to the public and not supervised. Not feasible to provide stewards. Impractical to implement a booking system. Consider the introduction of ground markings to encourage a one-way system around the equipment. Only allow one swing per bay to be operative - difficulty of enforcement. Encourage users to come back if playground is busy.
		3	3	9		
Virus left on surfaces such as gate latches, tables or seating used by adults & families	Visitors using and members of their household. Maintenance operatives				Signs requesting handwashing & hand sanitation before entering and on leaving site for all users. No eating or drinking. Cleaning and disinfecting of equipment by users to be encouraged both before and after use. Social distancing when using benches.	Signs regularly checked - weekly. Provision of outdoor hand-sanitiser not practicable due to risk of theft, maintenance obligations and possible combustion. Playground is not fenced on two sides. Picnic benches are 2 m from each other – picnic table for use by one household. Site cleaning of outdoor equipment between users not practicable by owner. Signs to advise parents and users that the equipment needs to be sanitised before and after use.
		2	3	6		
Children (infectious)	All visitors.	2	3	6	Signs to parents/carers to discourage shouting.	Signs regularly checked.

shouting close to people outside of support bubble (increasing respiratory droplets)	Maintenance operatives.				Signs to advise public to avoid when busy. Signs requiring queuing for equipment, parent/carer supervision and social distancing. Wearing of facemasks to be encouraged but difficult to police.	Monitor and re-close facility, if issue considered excessive and uncontrollable. Sign to remind users to wear facemasks.
Refuse	All visitors. Maintenance operatives	4	2	8	Provision of litter bins.	Signs to encourage use of bins for disposal of litter or to take litter home.
Transmission to vulnerable people	Adults and children getting close	3	3	9	Signs requiring users to maintain social distancing	

Notes : Government reopened playgrounds on July 4th, 2020 and existing control measures have been reviewed and amended.

You are very unlikely to be infected by walking past another person. Public Health England (PHE) recommends trying to keep 2 metres away from people, where possible, as a precaution. However, this is not a rule and the science is complex. The key thing is not to be too close to people for more than a short amount of time, as much as you can.

Scientific advice suggests that COVID-19 virus can survive for up to several days in some hard surfaces. The risks are reduced when outdoors, where surfaces are subject to UV light and rain. Whilst all possible practical measures have been put in place the users of equipment at the Recreation Ground play are do so at their own choice and risk.

Resources consulted

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-public-places-urban-centres-and-green-spaces-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/construction-and-other-outdoor-work#outdoors-5-3>

Additional control measures

The Risk Assessment has identified areas of concern which are addressed in the Action Plan. The Action Plan is the statement of measures put in place to address and reduce the risks.

PLAYGROUND COVID-19 ACTION PLAN – ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS				
DATE :	SITE :	AGREED		
	Additional precautions taken to eliminate or reduce the Covid-19 risks	Who	When	Done
Play Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal quarterly risk inspections • Annual RoSPA inspection undertaken • Carry out recommendations 	CPM Ltd and NHDC	June, September, December, March Autumn 2020	
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong signage to educate users • Regular site inspections for signage • Guidance on the maximum number of people within the play area at any time 	KPC	Put up signage July	
Public hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong signage to educate users • Regular site inspections for signage • Using signs and posters to build awareness of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good hand washing, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds following NHS guidance when users get home ○ Avoid touching your face ○ Cough or sneeze into your arm • Setting clear guidance on the use of the play area • Reinforce the need for social distancing 	KPC	Put up signage July	
Cleaning of hard surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong signage to educate users • Regular site inspections for signage • Contact details for reporting of incidents 	KPC	Put up signage July	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging users to bring their own cleaning materials and to place litter in bins or take it home • Use of facemasks 			
Managing staff and contractors at work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate measures to protect staff/contractors who are working alone • Hand washing for 20 seconds in accordance with NHS guidance after all workwear and protective clothing has been removed • Clothing to be washed after use • Suitable provision of first aid and emergency equipment is available. All accidents at work must be reported in the usual manner 	Parish Clerk and R J Dawes plus staff	As and when on site	