

Activity/ Task/ Location	Children's Play Areas – Potential Transmission of COVID - 19				
Assessed by	Clare Harrison	Date of Assessment	7 th July 2020	Review Date	30 th June 2021
Consulted	Grounds WG, Parish Council Handyman, .Gov.uk				

		Severity				
		1 Trivial	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major (RIDDOR)	5 Catastrophic Fatal
Likelihood	1 Remote	1	2	3	4	5
	2 Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
	3 Possible	3	6	9	12	15
	4 Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	5 Certain	5	10	15	20	25
		Before Controls				

Likelihood

1. Remote
2. Unlikely
3. Possible
4. Likely
5. Certain

Severity

1. Trivial – None or superficial injury
2. Minor – Injury that requires basic first aid treatment only
3. Moderate – Injury that requires hospital or GP visit.
4. Major – Over 7 day injury, Reportable Injury
5. Catastrophic – Fatal or life changing injury.

Likelihood X Severity = Risk Rating

Green = Low Risk

Yellow = Medium Risk

Red = High Risk

	Hazards	Who might be harmed and how?	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Control Measures	Monitoring and who is responsible	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating
1	Transmission of COVID 19 by physical contact with play equipment and site furniture.	<p>General public, children and employees</p> <p>Transmission of COVID 19 by touching and holding the childrens play equipment, site furniture and bins etc</p>	3	3	9	<p>Signage to be erected to request users to carry out approved hygiene measures on a regular basis, such as hand washing on return home and using hand sanitizing gel whilst in the play area. Signage to display both text and graphics so that they can be understood by adults and children. This is in line with Government guidance on hygiene.</p> <p>Note: Regular sanitising of equipment is not considered a practical solution due to the time and resource requirement – sites are not supervised. Equipment will be sanitised in the middle of the day and at the end of the day only. Play Park will be locked out of agreed opening hours,</p>	Signage to be erected and monitored by HPC.	1	3	3
2	Transmission of COVID 19 by face to face contact with other users	<p>General public, children and employees</p> <p>Transmission of COVID 19 by children playing in close proximity to others, and by adults forming groups of people.</p>	3	3	9	<p>Signage to be erected to request users to maintain social distancing within the play area as per Government guidance (2m distancing or 1m plus where this isn't possible). Signs to have both text and graphics to make them easy to interpret. . This is in line with Government guidance on social distancing.</p> <p>Although it is understood this is difficult to enforce, the fact that the play area is out of doors will reduce transmission risks. Also, play areas are primarily used by children</p>	Signage to be monitored by HPC.	1	3	3

						<p>where levels of virus spread and severity are known to be low.</p> <p>It is not possible to control numbers entering play areas as they are not supervised – however if users follow social distancing guidelines, overcrowding should be avoided. HPC are requesting in their signage that only 4 families at a time use the play area.</p>				
3	Transmission of COVID 19 due to items 1& 2 not being Adhered to by users	General public, children and employees	3	3	9	<p>Regular checks will be made to ensure that the signage is still in place.</p> <p>Active management of social distancing rules is considered impractical due to the resource required as play areas are not supervised.</p> <p>Note: Regular monitoring of adherence of items 1&2 is not considered a practical solution due to the time and resource requirement – sites are not supervised. Members of the public can report persistent offenders to the Clerk, via social media.</p>	Signage to be monitored by HPC.	1	3	3
4.	Transmission of COVID 19 due to contact with entrance and exit gates	<p>General public, children and employees</p> <p>Transmission of COVID 19 by touching and holding the children's play area gates,</p>	3	3	9	<p>Entrance and exit gates will, by their nature, have regular contact from all users. However, if these gates were to be left in the open position, there would be potential higher risks due to parents being unaware that young children had left the play area, possible access to dangers such as stranger danger, nearby road, and potential for dogs to enter the play area. Therefore, there will be no</p>	Signage to be monitored by HPC.	1	1	3

		which are self closing and cannot be opened without touching them.				<p>change to required practice of closing the gates.</p> <p>If signage guidance is followed and users sanitise regularly and or wear gloves, the risk of contact with gates should be mitigated.</p> <p>Note: Regular sanitising of gates is not considered a practical solution due to the time and resource requirement – sites are not supervised. The gate opening mechanism will be sprayed with sanitiser twice a day as per other frequent touch points</p>				
5.	Transmission of COVID 19 by using play equipment where users are in close proximity	General Public, Children Some equipment, such as double bay swing, will give the opportunity for children to play in close proximity to each other.	3	3	9	<p>Signage states that social distancing should be practiced and users of the play area should follow these guidelines. One swing has been removed to support facilitation of this.</p> <p>All other items of equipment are spaced to encourage social distancing. Levels of virus spread and severity are known to be low amongst children.</p>	Signage to be monitored by HPC.	1	1	3
6.	Safety of employees – staff, contractors and play inspectors	Employed staff Staff will need to enter the play area to carry out day to day activities and other maintenance	3	3	9	<p>The Park should be temporarily closed in the middle and at the end of the day to allow for sanitising of frequent touch points. Therefore, the park will be closed at approx. 12.30 for no longer than 30 mins for a sanitising of frequent touch points.</p> <p>Sanitising of frequent touch points will be facilitated by using a sanitiser spray and</p>	All paid staff, Councillors and contractors.	1	1	3

						<p>disposable cloth. Each play item will be cleaned with a new cloth. Used cloths and apron and gloves PPE will be bagged and binned at end of use.</p> <p>The hours of opening will be restricted to 9.00am – 6.00pm.</p> <p>Operatives are to wear disposable gloves and disposable aprons as necessary plus a face mask and to maintain social distancing from any other users.</p> <p>Operatives should carry out hand sanitising or washing after each contact.</p>				
7.	Risk of transmission of COVID 19 through contact with litter and rubbish on site	<p>General public, children and employees</p> <p>There is a small risk that the virus could be picked up from other peoples litter left on site</p>	3	3	9	<p>All play area sites will be litter picked regularly. All litter bins in play areas will be emptied regularly.</p> <p>Operatives are to wear disposable gloves and disposable aprons and use of litter pick to clear litter and emptied bins and to maintain social distancing from any other users.</p>	All paid staff and Councillors.	1	1	3