

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL PLAYGROUND RISK ASSESSMENT

SITE LOCATION	Play Areas in West Swindon		
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OVERALL RISK RATING	LOW	SITE STATUS LEVEL [1 – 4]	
AGREED ACTION : (Open / Close / Partially reopen)	OPEN	REVIEW DATE	06 JANUARY 2021

**Likelihood (L) x 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 – APPLIES AS & WHEN COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE

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.				Signage to advise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - public to avoid when busy - avoid queuing for equipment, - social distancing. Use social media/facebook to promote feedback & incident reporting.	Signs regularly checked as part of inspections. Monitor and consider closure if issue considered excessive and uncontrollable.
		4	3	6		
Virus left on surfaces such as gate latches, tables or seating used by adults & families	Site visitors & Maintenance operatives				Signage promoting care and precautions. Staff all issued with appropriate PPE.	Signs regularly checked.
		4	3	6		
Virus left on surfaces within enclosed units where may survive for longer periods – e.g. tube slides, tunnels and playhouses	Children and assisting carers				Signage to encourage requesting handwashing & hand sanitation before entering and on leaving. No eating.	Signs regularly checked. Consider regular disinfection or preventing use with tape, mesh and/or signage. Consider provision of hand-sanitiser.
		4	3	6		
Children (infectious) shouting close to people outside of support	All visitors. Maintenance operatives.				Signage to advise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - public to avoid when busy - avoid queuing for equipment, - social distancing. 	Signs regularly checked. Monitor and consider closure if issue considered excessive and uncontrollable.
		4	3	6		

bubble (increasing respiratory droplets)				Use social media/facebook to promote feedback & incident reporting.	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:					
<p>The Government may introduce changes to access and use of outdoor play areas depending on the severity of public restrictions. The Risk assessment and safe systems of working will need to be adjusted in response to those. In principle, if general care is taken to observe <i>hands</i> (regular sanitising, washing), <i>face</i> – adults and older young people wear a face covering, <i>space</i> – avoiding close contact and queuing, risks to the public will be reduced.</p> <p>The Parish Council will promote these behaviours on social media and in play area signage. Staff are instructed to monitor condition and use of play areas and to take steps to observe their own Covid working practices.</p> <p>Generally there is limited seating available in our play areas sites so this should reduce length of stay and other routes for transmission. All equipment is outdoors and uncovered so will be subject to the natural elements e.g. rain, snow. Access is unrestricted so it is not practical to introduce staff supervised play. Users will be notified that the equipment is not sanitised.</p> <p>All spaces will be monitored however it will be expected that those using the sites take care to observe the signs and follow the advice and guidance.</p> <p>The Parish Council could consider provision of hand sanitiser units however it is extremely likely that these would be vandalised or stolen.</p>					

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>