

## **COVID-19 Specific - Play Area Risk Assessment**

**COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways and is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. The symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal.**

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
<p><b>Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Employees</b></li> <li>• <b>Children</b></li> <li>• <b>Vulnerable groups – elderly, those with existing underlying health conditions</b></li> <li>• <b>Anyone else who physically comes in contact with the play equipment</b></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Cleaning / hygiene</u></b></p> <p>It has been assessed that frequent cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use would be ineffective unless undertaken after each use. This is neither reasonable nor practical to implement. There have been studies in the resistance of the virus under UV light and as such, outside areas pose less of a risk of direct transmission. The potential harm of mental and emotional health posed to those by not opening the playareas has been considered more impactful than risk of infection. Parents, Guardians and users of the equipment should be encouraged to clean the equipment before and after use by way of signage and be reminded that it is at their own risk to use these areas.</p>	<p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</a></p>	<p>Users</p>	<p>N/A</p>	

		<p><b><u>Social Distancing</u></b> Social Distancing - Reducing the number of people to allow a distance of 2 metres, where possible, as recommended by the Public Health Agency <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</a></p> <p><b><u>Wearing of Face Masks</u></b> Should be encouraged but would be difficult to police</p> <p><b><u>Signage</u></b> To advise parents and users that the equipment and hands needs to be sanitised before and after use.</p> <p>Reminder regarding socially distancing.</p> <p>Reminder to use hand sanitiser</p> <p>Suggest to come back later if area is busy.</p>	<p>Regular checks could be carried out to ensure strict adherence to the rules otherwise closure has to be considered</p> <p>Use of a number of "CORONAVIRUS!" Signs to remind users that the virus is still active.</p>	<p>Parish Office staff</p> <p>Users</p> <p>Executive Clerk</p>	<p>As and when work patterns allow.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Prior to opening.</p>	
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				N/A	N/A	
				Executive Clerk & HDC	2 x weekly	
				Executive Clerk	Prior to opening	

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