

Risk Assessment for re-opening play areas and outside gym – October 2020

Important Notes:

1. The COVID-19 Risk Assessment has been updated from the August 2020 risk assessment to take into account changes in the Government Guidance published on 14th October. On 12 October the government introduced a system of local COVID alert levels. If owners / operators are in an area that is part of local COVID alert level - high or local COVID alert level - very high, there are additional restrictions which apply. Doncaster currently is within the high-risk category.
2. This assessment may need to be updated in the light of any new government advice that may be forthcoming.
3. This document should be read in conjunction with relevant legislation and guidance issued by government and local authorities.

Area or People at Risk	Risk identified	Actions to take to mitigate risk
Staff and users of the play areas and outdoor gym (parents, carers, children, guardians)	Surfaces infected by people carrying the virus. Disposing of rubbish. Measures to ensure social distancing Cleaning and hygiene – virus surviving on equipment/ hard surfaces Children/ users with special needs Ensuring staff safety Occasional Maintenance workers/visitors.	Signage to remind users of the need to adhere to social distancing in accordance with existing government guidance (distinguishing between adults and children with certain conditions who may find social distancing difficult). For outdoor gyms, where machines and equipment are less than 2 metres apart pieces of equipment should be moved to allow social distancing measures to be adhered to if possible. If not possible, 1 metre distance with risk mitigation is acceptable. The mitigations should be set out in the risk assessment. Encourage effective sanitation by users, parents, guardians and carers. Use signs and posters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to promote cleaning of equipment by users, parents, guardians and carers, particularly where there are clear

		<p>touch points such as swing rockers, see saws, machine handles or exercise bars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encouraging outdoor gym users to bring their own towel and hygiene products and wipe down equipment after use - encouraging parents to bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean their children's hands - to encourage hand hygiene with including washing/sanitising hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and water or approved gel and foam sanitiser, particularly at the beginning and end of play - to advise users (or parents of users) not to touch their faces, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue or arm when a tissue is not available - to remind adults and children not to put their mouths on equipment or their hands in their mouths - to promote and remind users, parents, guardians and carers of the need for social distancing <p>Signs to make clear to users, parents, guardians and carers that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consumption of food or drink on play equipment or in the playground area is banned - parents, guardians or carers should dispose of all litter including any used protective wear such as face coverings or gloves properly in litter bins, taking it home where a bin is not provided. Disposable face coverings and gloves cannot be recycled <p>Regular inspection of each area by Parish Council staff to identify any issues and remedy as appropriate.</p>
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<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Further to the above assessment it is my recommendation that the Parish Council's Play areas and outside gym remain reopen in line with the signage produced by Doncaster Council and the temporary removal of the swings at each site to aid social distancing and based on the recommendation of the play area inspector. This information has been communicated via the Parish Council website and social media channels.</p> <p>This assessment will be updated as and when required following government guidance.</p>		