

LMPC	Re-Opening of Play Area Covid19 - Risk Assessment	Rev No:	002
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Hazard/Occurrence	Residual Risk	Who is at Risk?	Risk Rating ¹			Control Measures	Assessment or Actions to be Taken	Final Risk Rating
			S	L	R			
Generally: Routine maintenance Cleaning of equipment Grass cutting Routine Inspections	Play Area will need visual inspection prior to opening. Any required maintenance completed, especially grass cutting Equipment cleaned especially as there is a lot of bird mess	Children using the Play Area	H	M	M	Insurance requires all equipment to be inspected at least once per week and an annual safety inspection by a competent person. Some equipment is new so users will not be familiar with it.	- Cleaner will be able to provide first clean, which will take at least 1 hour. - Will need approval from contractor if this is to be on-going duty - Cut grass, to avoid trip hazards	M/H Approval not given by contractor for on-going clean
Social Distancing Social distancing aims to reduce social interaction between people to minimise the opportunity for transmission of COVID-19. 14/09/20 Max. No of SIX in a group all socially distanced In implementing measures, owners/operators should acknowledge that adults and children with certain	Social distancing guidance is 2m or only in exceptional circumstances 1.5m with a face mask	Children using the Play Area and Carers	H	H	H	All owners/operators should put in place measures to support social distancing in accordance with existing government guidance. Potential Measures to facilitate social distancing include: Owners/operators should identify an advisory limit on the maximum number of users able to use the play area at any one	- Signage to indicate maximum number of users at any one time. - Request that only 1 family member accompany a child in the play area. - Limit available number of persons using equipment at one time, ie not all swings to be available, one on ladder/one on slide at a time. - Any adults assisting children in play area	H Signage showing actions needed to stay safe should be prominent

¹ S = Severity; L = Likelihood; R = Risk

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conditions would find social distancing difficult.						time and use signage to communicate this where practicable. • Limiting the number of users able to use a particular piece of equipment to minimise the transmission risk of COVID-19	must also be able to social distance at 2m.	
Cleaning and Hygiene Scientific advice suggests that the virus can survive for up to several days on some hard surfaces.	This guidance applies to outdoor play areas because the virus could survive long enough on frequently used/touched outdoor surfaces to facilitate transmission.	Children using the Play Area and Carers	M	H	H	These risks are reduced when outdoors, where surfaces may be subject to UV light and/or rain. Owners / Operators are advised to manage any potential risk, cleaning any high traffic touch points frequently.	Cleaning regimes to include: • Equipment used by children up to 14 years – slides, climbing frames, climbing bars. • Semi enclosed play houses for small children • Entry / exit points (gates) • Seating and refuse areas PC must: • encourage effective sanitisation by users and carers by prominent signage.	H Not Regularly cleaned H/M Some signage is present to comply would need to be updated

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						• promote cleaning of equipment by users and carers • encourage use of own sanitisers /wet wipes • encourage personal hygiene – washing of hands on returning home – no touching face - no coughing and sneezing without covering mouth and nose. • Promote social distancing whilst using the equipment as well as arrival and leaving. • Ensure EVERYONE understands the message being given. • Consider use of litter bins within the area • Consider providing hand washing facilities or sanitiser for use before and after using the play area. • At least weekly washing of equipment with suitable solutions	Not implemented at this time Mandatory limits : Up to SIX only H
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Overcrowding within the site (within the rules of social distancing)	Disagreements and aggressive behaviour by children and carers	All persons on site at the time of incident	M	H	H	Adequate signage and direction as to how many should use play area at any one time. Supply marshals or stewards to oversee site	PC should consider: • play area is new, so will attract more use than normal. • Neighbouring residents have previously complained about noise at the site. • Duty of care towards any person used to marshal the area. • Giving specific instructions to any employee / volunteer as to what is expected	H L Marshals not used
Non-conformance to official guidance issued by Government. Dis-regard to local guidelines issued by LMPC	HEALTH RISK to self and OTHERS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY	All persons on site at the time of incident	H	H	H	Use of floor markings and adequate signage. Public encouraged to STAY ALERT Control the Virus SAVE LIVES. Promote responsible behaviour from everyone on site. No Food or Drink allowed in play areas	LMPC should consider if opening play area without significant and appropriate care sends a positive or negative leadership message to residents. Consider Duty of Care to Councillors, employees, (including contractors) and members of the public using this Public open space.	H Consideration to PR within parish, safety of vulnerable people
Current Changes Government issue new	Guidelines changed to REGULATIONS with fines from £100	Everyone within England	H	H	H	• Groups of no more than six permitted within	• Erect permanent signage indicating new regulations	H

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REGULATIONS about Social Distancing	Social Distancing to be enforced. R Number rising					Play Area at any one time • Limit use at busy times • Increase observation of area by LMPC	• Increase inspections carried out on Play Area • Arrange a rota to monitor situation	
Owner/Manager Responsibilities No longer just guidance but instructions which must be adhered to	LMPC must take some responsibility for keeping area and residents safe.	LMPC	H	H	H	Play Area to be closed until Council Resolution to mitigate risks	• Ex-Ord Mtg to consider this RA • Budget to be created enabling safe usage • Some equipment adapted to recognise social distancing	H
Ambiguity in Message	General Confusion as to what is allowed	Everyone with UK	L	M	M	Keep up to date with all notifications Be aware of other PCs and their actions	• Confer with colleagues • Read Government publications • Send positive message to Residents	M