

Play site re-opening COVID-19 Risk assessment

Site included in this Risk Assessment:

Cold Norton Playing Field and Play Ground

Risk Assessment No: Cov-19/Playsites v.1.1/2020

Risk Assessment of: Re-opening of Play sites

Assessors Name: Maria Dyer

Date: 5th August 2020

Persons Affected: General public/Village Caretaker/Cllrs

Review Undertaken Because:	Frequency and Health & Safety Consequence
New control measures implemented <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Likelihood
Following an accident or report of ill health <input type="checkbox"/>	1 = very unlikely
Technological advances <input type="checkbox"/>	2 = unlikely
New guidance or legislation published <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 = likely
Changes in workplace or work activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 = very likely
Required at least annually <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Impact
	1 = no injury or illness
	2 = minor injury possibly requiring 1 st aid
	3 = 7 day injury
	4 = major injury or ill health

Playgrounds and outdoor gyms are currently closed under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020. As announced by the Prime Minister on 23rd June, playgrounds and outdoor gyms will be able to reopen from 4 July.

On the 26th June 2020 Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government released guidance and advice relating to the reopening of outdoor play areas and gyms. That guidance has been used for the purpose of these Risk Assessments

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms>

Significant Hazards Identified	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating with Existing Controls			Further Control Measures to be Implemented
Risk of infection to Members of the public from play equipment or contact with other users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs in place at all entrances advising users to sanitise hands before and after use, plus maintain social distancing. Sites inspected weekly (minimum) by Village Caretaker 	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNPC has produced information sign for re-opening
Social Distancing signage, queue markers, and directional 'flow' signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social distancing "2 meter" guidance reminder signs to be placed within 10 m of Playground entrances, where appropriate i.e. approaches on sealed surfaced paths to entry gates of play site. 	2	4	8	

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Disinfection of play equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disinfection of play equipment for playsite throughout every day is unfeasible in terms of practicality and would be ineffective. Any fog/spray application suitable for use on fixed equipment would be effective only for a very limited period following application and/or until the first user comes into contact with equipment Disinfection between individual users is impracticable during what could be termed 'normal' use of sites. 	-	-		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor change of guidance for greater detail around expectation of any disinfection routines or best practice solutions.
Closure of Play Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cold Norton play site is within a defined area with a marked (i.e. bonded surface) or fenced boundary There is the potential that demand may far outstrip reasonable capacity for the facilities An on-the-ground judgement call may need to be made by CNPC Cllrs that the continued operation of the play site presents an unreasonable risk to public health This decision will need to be evidenced with Photographic record of issues (e.g. excessive numbers on play equipment or within fenced play areas) and must be counter-agreed by a Second Cllr before being enacted. If decision to close is enacted, site should be evacuated, gates secured and signage must be put up immediately to inform public of same. Closure may be temporary, in effect for remainder of any single day, or in place until wider review/Risk Assessment can be implemented. 	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk/Cllr/Village caretaker must be made aware of any closure Suggestion to close for more than part of a single day must be authorised by Cllrs
Public hand washing facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This play site doesn't have public toilets/hand washing facilities within walking distance Advice on signage will be for users to clean/wash hands as soon as possible after leaving site. 	2	4	8	

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Anti-social behaviour	• Reports from residents/neighbours	2	4	8	
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Position: Clerk/RFO

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Date: 5th August 2020

Review Date: 9th September 2020