

Risk Assessment: Covid 19 re-opening the play area

Event Date: From 17th July 2020

1. Activity being undertaken

Play area re-opening following Covid 19 restrictions

2. Prepared by

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3. Source of information

3.1. Government Covid 19 guidance on managing play areas and outside gyms, updated 9 July 2020.

3.2. Summary of Association of Play Industries' position on COVID-19: Guidance for managing playgrounds and outdoor gyms.

3.3. BHIB Insurance template and guidance, as promoted by National Association of Local Councils

It is not possible for High Easter Parish Council to monitor that all government guidelines regarding playgrounds is followed properly and safely. The Parish Council will produce signage to remind users of their responsibilities and asks that this guidance is followed. If, as a result of ad-hoc checks by the Parish Council there is sufficient evidence that guidance is not being followed, the Parish Council will consider closing the play area.

Hazard / Risk	Mitigation	Mitigated Risk
Lack of social distancing Risk – Users failing to follow appropriate social distancing rules resulting in cross infection with Covid 19 virus High volume of people within the play area	Signage to be placed at the gate to the playing field and at the gate of the enclosed play area. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social distancing to be followed• One child per item of equipment unless from the same household• Do not use if others are using• Do not use if showing symptoms of Covid Bench seating to be removed from the enclosed play area to avoid the opportunity for people to 'gather'. It is not possible to guarantee social distancing between the bench and equipment if it was to be returned at this stage. Parish Council to carry out ad hoc checks.	Medium
Virus remains on play equipment and associated hard spaces Risk – Guidance suggests the risk from the virus reduces after 72 hours and is further reduced outside by rain and UV	It is not possible to clean the equipment, fencing, gate entrance. Signage to be placed at the gate to the playing field and at the gate of the enclosed play area. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of personal sanitiser and need to wash hands after use• Do not touch your face• No food or drink to be consumed in the play area Parish Council to carry out ad hoc checks.	Medium