

**Kingsbury Parish Council Recreation Ground, Church Lane, Kingsbury**  
**COVID Secure RISK ASSESSMENT for Play Areas and Outdoor Gym equipment area**



**Date of Assessment: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

**Assessors: S Humphries (Clerk) and A Jenns (Chair)**

Safe opening of play areas and outdoor gyms COVID19, classified as a pandemic virus by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in March 2020, Covid19 is a new, contagious, coronavirus for which there is no current personal immunity within the population or vaccine available. COVID-19 is a contagious disease that can be fatal. The disease can be transmitted from human to human either by inhalation or contact with the eyes, nose and mouth. Information from the WHO, PHE and the NHS has cascaded down onto current UK industries and business sectors by a series of directives and interventions from the UK government. Government and PHE information and guidance has been and is subject to change as new and increased interventions are put into place to control the spread of the virus and this Risk Assessment has been created as a result of new government guidance with specific regard to the opening of:-

- Kingsbury Parish Play Areas and Outdoor gym

COVID-19 Secure measures taken by Kingsbury Parish Council (KPC) will be in line with government guidelines so far as is practicable and feasible to do so. It would not be possible to create a sterile play environment to eliminate all the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

The key messages of; Using hand sanitiser before and after using the play area, Social distancing, Come back later if busy and wash your hands thoroughly when you get home will be communicated to the public to make them aware of the risks.

Equipment cannot be sanitised regularly. The aim is to encourage people to bring their own wipes to promote cleaning of equipment by users, parents, guardians and carers, particularly where there are clear touch points such as swings, see saws, machine handles and to bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean their children's hands.

Information based on the latest Guidance available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms/covid-19-guidance-for-managingplaygrounds-and-outdoor-gyms>

RP11: <https://www.playinspectors.com/news/statement-on-the-governments-announcement-on-the-reopening-of-outdoor-playgrounds-on-july-4th-2020/>

Play Inspection Company: Page 7 of 26 Rev 1. 29th June 2020 <http://playinspections.co.uk/playground-openings-inspections-covid-19>

Play Safety Forum: <https://playsafetyforum.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/covid-and-childrens-play-psf-1.pdf>

Information from insurance company.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	Current control measures	Any further action required
Direct threat to members of public from transmission of coronavirus from person to person when re-opening and using play areas from Saturday 4th July 2020.	General Public	<p>Signage displayed on equipment and entrances to play area that play and gym equipment is now open to use with safety measures as listed on posters.</p> <p>These include * stay at home if feeling unwell and do not attend the play area. * Users to bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean equipment and children's hands. *Children to be supervised at all times. *Stick to current social distancing rules. *Return later if too many users. *Avoid touching your face while on the equipment. *Act responsibly for safety of all.</p> <p>Once weekly visual checks of play/gym areas is carried out by North Warwickshire Borough Council Staff to check signs in place and note any issues to report back to Clerk.</p> <p>Posters and information will be put on website and social media community groups to make the community aware.</p>	<p>Revise any information as Government guidelines change. These will be monitored regularly.</p> <p>Posters can be replaced if removed as is practical.</p>
Failure of equipment from prolonged period of play area closures.	General Public	Full annual in-depth operational/maintenance inspection carried out to check the operation and stability of the equipment by trained and competent staff before opening it up to the public. Carried out in June 2020. No urgent repairs noted.	Clerk to continue to check weekly reports from NWBC for any urgent repairs needed. It is noted that signs are still in place on reports – monitor. Minor items are carried out as part of the weekly checks.
Contamination from surfaces when inspecting equipment, repair, and maintenance work.	NWBC staff	Employees of NWBC will follow their own health and safety guidelines when checking our play/gym equipment.	
Risk of not maintaining good hygiene The most critical part of controlling the spread of the virus.	General Public	<p>Good hygiene practices are encouraged by the general public/parents on our posters.</p> <p>Posters have been put up at all entrances and on some pieces of equipment if practical.</p> <p>It is not possible to have the public play area frequently cleaned. Consider further closure if receiving complaints and the safety of the community is not at an acceptable level.</p>	Any Councillors who visit the area are asked to note any issues and report back to the Clerk. Similarly if any issues are raised to them by the public.