**Coronavirus Risk Assessment Play Areas and Outdoor Gym Equipment**

**January 2021**

Following a Council office closure or change in operating model due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, the immediate reaction of many Councils was to reopen their offices as soon as possible. However, it is highly likely that the working environment for the next period will be anything but “business as usual” for Hazlemere Parish Council but also for Staff, Councillors, Volunteers and the Community. It is likely that many of the COVID-19 controls put in place during the crisis will remain in place for some time, or only be partially lifted i.e. social distancing requirements etc.

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| **Area of Risk** | **Risk Identified** | **Action to take to mitigate risks** | **Notes** |
| **Cleanliness** of and equipment and street furniture | Contamination | Notices placed warning uses to apply national lockdown regulations with regards to hand cleaning, masks etc |  |
| **Cleanliness** of and equipment and street furniture | Contamination gym equipment | Outdoor gym users please bring your own towel and hygiene products and wipe down equipment after use. Notices placed warning uses to apply national lockdown regulations with regards to hand cleaning, masks etc |  |
| **Cleanliness** of and equipment and street furniture | Contamination | Play equipment users, parents, guardians and carers, please clean the equipment after use, where there are clear touch points such as swing, rockers, see saws, machine handles etc |  |
| **Social Distancing** and especially users who may be vulnerable | Maintain 2m social distancing rules | Users MUST comply with social distancing as far as possible. |  |
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| **Social Distancing** and especially users who may be vulnerable | Maintain 2m social distancing rules | All equipment can only be used by one person at a time, unless they are from the same family. |  |
| **Respiratory hygiene** | Transmission to other users | Catch It, Bin It, Kill It. Encourage hirers to avoid touching mouth, eyes, and nose and not to place face on equipment. | Bins are emptied daily Monday – Friday, otherwise take rubbish home |
| **Hand cleanliness** | Transmission to other members of group and premises | Advise users to use personal sanitiser on entering and exiting and, to wash hands regularly using soap for 20 seconds. |  |
| **Food and Drink** | Contamination | No food and drink to be consumed within the fenced play areas. It can be consumed in the park. All rubbish to be placed in the bins or taken home. | Bins are emptied daily Monday – Friday, otherwise take rubbish home |
| **Current local levels of Coronavirus** | Increased local risk | Monitor local levels and if necessary implement a closure |  |

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