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MARKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PARK

COVID-19 – Skate Park, Kick About, Children’s Playground and Outdoor Gym Risk Assessment

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways and is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. The symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal.

The decision to reopen the skate park, kick about area, outside gym and partly reopen the children’s playground is based on the local situation in Markfield. It considers the specific risks from COVID-19 to the Public.

In assessing risk, Markfield Parish Council has regard to:

Authority to open – Government Guidance 26 June 2020 (updated 9 July 2020)

Sector Specific Advice – Association Play Industries Guidance 4 July 2020 and National Association of Local Councils 3 July 2020

Insurance – Cane and Company Local Council Insurance 9 July 2020

Name of Assessors: Helen Ward/Margaret Bowler/Klaus Senkpiehl

Assessment Date: Friday 17th July 2020

Review Date:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees • Children • Vulnerable groups – elderly, those with existing underlying health conditions • Anyone else who physically comes in contact with the play equipment and/or Outside gym equipment 	<p>Cleaning</p> <p>Parents, Guardians and users of the gym equipment should be encouraged to clean the equipment before and after use by way of signage</p>	<p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</p>	HW		
		<p>Social Distancing</p> <p>Social Distancing - Reducing the number of people to allow a distance of 2 metres, where possible, as recommended by the Public Health Agency</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</p>	<p>If Parents, Guardians and users of the playground and other above facilities do not adhere to the guidance, closure has to be considered</p> <p>Advisory maximum number of users for each area. Childrens' Play Area based on number of users on each piece of equipment that can be 2m apart. (2 on swings, 1 on baby swing, 1 climbing wall, 1 standing swing, 1 slide or roundabout, 1 surfers, 1 monkey bars, 1 spider web, 1 seesaw, 1 adventure play, 1 toddler unit = 12)</p>			
		<p>Wearing of Face Masks</p> <p>Should be encouraged</p>	<p>This may change in light of future Government Guidance</p>			

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		<p><u>Signage</u></p> <p>To advise parents and users that the equipment needs to be sanitised before and after use.</p> <p>Reminder regarding socially distancing.</p>	Signs to remind users that the virus is still active.			
		<p><u>Booking system</u></p> <p>Instigate a booking system for the equipment – only feasible if the equipment is under total control/supervision of council i.e. an indoor play area</p>	Not feasible – facilities are not staffed 24/7			
		<p><u>One Way System</u></p> <p>Consideration should be given to installing a one way system around the equipment if this is feasible</p>	Not feasible			
		<p><u>Refuse</u></p> <p>Ensure that there are adequate facilities for people to dispose of their litter</p>	Weekly HBBC collections in place – monitor			

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		<p><u>Children's Playground/Outdoor Gym</u></p> <p>Subject to own ROSPA Annual safety inspection - June 2020. Safety issue identified with log climber and swings.</p> <p>Subject to weekly visual inspections.</p>	<p>Close off any equipment or area identified as unsafe equipment.</p> <p>Signage to that effect.</p>			

Any concerns should be reported to Markfield Parish Council:

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