

## LOCAL COUNCIL PLAYGROUND &amp; HARD COURT AREAS RISK ASSESSMENT

<b>SITE LOCATION</b>	<b>Roche Playing Field and Hardcourt Area, Trezaise, Roche</b>		
<b>UNDERTAKEN BY</b>	<b>Clerk &amp; Councillor Edyvean</b>	<b>DATE OF INSPECTION</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>
<b>OVERALL RISK RATING</b>		<b>SITE STATUS LEVEL [1 – 4]</b>	
<b>AGREED ACTION : (Open / Close / Partially reopen)</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>REVIEW DATE</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> September 2020</b>

**Likelihood (L) x Severity (S)  
= Risk Rating (RR):**

	<b>L = 1</b>	<b>L = 2</b>	<b>L = 3</b>	<b>L = 4</b>	<b>L = 5</b>
<b>S = 1</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>S = 2</b>	2	4	6	8	10
<b>S = 3</b>	3	6	9	12	15
<b>S = 4</b>	4	8	12	16	20
<b>S = 5</b>	5	10	15	20	25

**Possible  
Likelihood**

5 Highly likely  
4 Likely  
3 Possible  
2 Unlikely  
1 Highly unlikely

**Possible Severity**

5 Fatality  
4 Major injury  
3 Hospital  
treatment  
2 First aid required  
1 No injury

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>15-25 Very High</b>	Work should not be undertaken without reducing risk
<b>10-12 High</b>	As above
<b>8-9 Moderate</b>	Work fine to continue. Additional controls should be considered
<b>4-6 Low</b>	Work fine to continue with existing controls
<b>1-3 Very Low</b>	As above

**STAGE 1 : RISK ASSESSMENT – See Comments at end of the part of the Risk Assessment \*\***

Nature of hazard or issue increasing risk of transmission	Persons at direct risk	Likelihood x Severity = Risk Rating			Recommended Control Measures (if RR > 6)	Potential additional controls to reduce risk, where reasonably practical (if RR > 10)
		L	S	RR		
<b>Potential overcrowding on equipment</b>	Children and those supervising.				Signs to advise public to avoid when busy. Signs requiring queuing for equipment, parent/carer supervision and social distancing. Promote feedback & incident reporting.	Consider ground-markings, one-way flow of play and additional signs promoting social distancing. Signs regularly checked. Monitor and re-close facility, if issue considered excessive and uncontrollable.
<b>** The Parish Council has posted notices, clearly defining what has been asked above and it is up to the general public with reference to the above risk assessments. The Parish Council could not assess the risk ratings as we do not attend the playing fields all day and every day.</b>						
<b>Virus left on surfaces such as gate latches, tables or seating used by adults &amp; families</b>	Visitors using and members of their household. Maintenance operatives				Signs requesting handwashing & hand sanitation before entering and on leaving. No eating or smoking.	Signs regularly checked – Consider provision of hand-sanitiser. Consider removal of latches, gates, furniture or preventing use with tape, mesh and/or signage.
<b>** Signs will be checked once a week. We will not be providing hand-sanitiser, this will be up to individuals to bring along their own with PPE. We will not be removing latches, gates or as this will cause damage and there are concerns of children running out on to a busy main road.</b>						
<b>Virus left on surfaces within enclosed units where may survive for longer periods – e.g. tube slides, tunnels and playhouses</b>	Children and assisting carers				Signs to parents/carers to encourage that these be avoided. Signs requesting handwashing & hand sanitation before entering and on leaving. No eating.	Signs regularly checked. Consider regular disinfection or preventing use with tape, mesh and/or signage. Consider provision of hand-sanitiser.

<b>** Signs will be checked once a week. We will not be providing a disinfection service or hand-sanitiser as this will be up to individuals to bring along their own with PPE.</b>						
<b>Children (infectious) shouting close to people outside of support bubble</b> <a href="#">(increasing respiratory droplets)</a>	All visitors. Maintenance operatives.				Signs to parents/carers to discourage shouting. Signs to advise public to avoid when busy. Signs requiring queuing for equipment, parent/carer supervision and social distancing.	Signs regularly checked.  Monitor and re-close facility, if issue considered excessive and uncontrollable.
<b>** Signs will be checked once a week. We will be carrying out an inspection of the play areas on a weekly basis and it will be monitored as required.</b>						
<b>[Other Insert]</b>	<b>Waste Bins</b>				Waste Bins to be emptied and cleaned weekly.	Continued cleansing and emptying of waste bins.
<b>**We will not be removing waste bins to ensure rubbish if not strewn in the play areas. Waste bins are emptied and cleaned down once a week by a Contactor.</b>						

**Notes** :Government reopened playgrounds on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and existing control measures have been reviewed and amended. During the drafting process we have carefully considered points raised in colleagues' feedback and have consulted the government guidance below.

NOTE : You are very unlikely to be infected by walking past another person. Public Health England (PHE) recommends trying to keep 2 metres away from people, where possible, as a precaution. However, this is not a rule and the science is complex. The key thing is not to be too close to people for more than a short amount of time, as much as you can.

#### **Resources consulted**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-public-places-urban-centres-and-green-spaces-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/construction-and-other-outdoor-work#outdoors-5-3>

## **ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES – POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS**

The Risk Assessment will have identified areas of concern which must be addressed in order to operate the play area safely. The Action Plan is the statement of measures put in place to address and reduce the risks. The list below identifies actions which may be suitable for managing the risks identified in your play areas. Record these additional measures in your action plan – template below.

Some of the actions will be associated with reopening the play areas, other actions are about the management of the space and the people using them in the long term.

**\*\*\*\* WARNING : THE LIST BELOW IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE \*\*\*\***

**IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THE FOLLOWING LIST GIVES POSSIBLE ACTIONS FOR MANAGING PLAYGROUNDS RESPONSIBLY TO MITIGATE THE RISKS OF COVID-19. ANY ACTIONS TAKEN MUST BE RELEVANT TO EACH FACILITY. THERE MAY BE OTHER, BETTER OR MORE LOCALLY APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS.**

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### **PLAY AREA**

#### **Measures could include :**

- A full clean prior to opening
- Normal risk inspections undertaken
- Reconfiguring seat to avoid face to face contact and promote side by side seat if required
- Assessment of individual pieces of play equipment for suitability of opening

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

#### **Measures could include :**

- Strong signage to educate users
- Regular site inspections for signage
- Guidance on the maximum number of children on a piece of equipment at any time
- Guidance on the maximum number of people within the play area at any time

- Markings on the ground at least 2m (or 1m + if unavoidable) spacing to ensure social distance queuing
- A maximum number of queue positions so as not to interfere with those using the play equipment beyond
- A one way system and clear waiting point which allows the first person in the queue to avoid coming into contact with the users of the equipment i.e. slides, climbing towers. This will be marked on the ground by a clear line or by using a temporary barrier at least 1m high.
- Removal of seating and tables to discourage gatherings within play areas
- That the facility is closed during cleaning to protect cleaners

## **CLEANING AND CLEANLINESS OF HARD SURFACES**

### **Measures could include :**

- Strong signage to educate users
- Regular site inspections for signage
- Promotion of the importance of keeping equipment clean from bodily fluids
- Disinfecting areas of high contact such as handles, locks and gates
- Contact details for reporting of incidents
- Encouraging users to bring their own cleaning materials and to take their litter home
- Use of facemasks

## **PUBLIC HYGIENE**

### **Measures could include :**

- Strong signage to educate users
- Regular site inspections for signage
- Using signs and posters to build awareness of
  - Good hand washing, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds following NHS guidance when users get home
  - Avoid touching your face
  - Cough or sneeze into your arm
- Setting clear guidance on the use of the play area

- Setting clear guidance for the inspection of the play areas to ensure they are kept clean and can be used safely.
- Reinforce the need for social distancing

## **MANAGING STAFF AND CONTRACTORS AT WORK**

### **Measures could include :**

- Written agreement from staff that they are prepared to enter the facility and undertake the work
- A copy of a staff-based risk assessment is provided by any contractor providing cleaning or maintenance services on site.
- Adequate measures to protect staff/contractors who are working alone
- Where more than one contractor is required on site , that they travel separately – 1 person per vehicle
- Managed distancing between cleaners, avoiding face to face contact. Create opportunities for work side-by-side or facing away from each other
- Hand washing for 20 seconds in accordance with NHS guidance after all workwear and protective clothing has been removed
- Clothing to be washed after use
- Ensure that the premises have been adequately cleaned before allowing any maintenance contractors on site.
- Suitable provision of first aid and emergency equipment is available. All accidents at work must be reported in the usual manner

## STAGE 2 : ACTION PLAN OF ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

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ROCHE PLAYING FIELDS & HARDCOURT AREA COVID-19 ACTION PLAN – ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS				
DATE :	SITE :	AGREED		
	What additional precautions do you need to take to eliminate or reduce the Covid-19 risks to least Medium or ideally Low Risk Rating	Who	When	Done
Playing Fields & Hardcourt areas	<b>Signage and sanitizer, PPE notices to go up.</b>	Clerk/Cllr. Edyvean	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Social Distancing	<b>Signage has been put up to inform public using the area and will be re-visited again in September 2020. It will be managed as a traffic light system and first notice is in yellow.</b>	Clerk/Cllr. Edyvean	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Public hygiene	<b>Public are asked to bring their own sanitizer and PPE for using both play areas.</b>			
Cleaning of hard surfaces	<b>Parish Council are not cleaning hard services of the area and public are informed they need to bring their own sanitizer and PPE.</b>			