

Uffington Parish Council Risk Assessment for the Re-opening of the Children's Playground

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Location	Uffington
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Date for Review	July 2021, or earlier if required

Record of Review, Amendment and Additions

Detail of Review / Amendment / Addition	Person Completing Review / Amendment / Addition	Reviewed and approved for issue by	Date

KEY:

LIKELIHOOD (L) = Frequent (5), Probable (4), Occasional (3), Improbable (2), Remote (1)

SEVERITY (S) = Catastrophic (5), Major (4), Reportable (3), Serious (2), Minor (1)

DEGREE OF RISK (DR) = LIKELIHOOD x SEVERITY

RESIDUAL RISK * is the level of risk that remains after suitable and sufficient control measures are introduced and is deemed to be acceptable. This risk assessment covers the re-opening of the playground after the period of lockdown from 23 March to 6 July 2020.

INSURANCE: The level of employee and public liability insurance cover is reviewed by the Council at renewal each year.

NOTES:

- Purpose.** The purpose of this risk assessment is to list the principal risks likely to be experienced by any persons using Uffington Parish Council's children's playground, when it re-opens as a result of the relaxation of lockdown measures introduced as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the UK in 2020, and to identify the necessary measures and precautions to mitigate those risks to an acceptable level. This assessment, is based on the latest OALC guidance and complements, but does not replace the existing playground assessment and maintenance mitigation measures.
- Location.** The children's playground is located on the Jubilee Field and adjacent to Uffington Post Office and Stores, Broad Street, Uffington SN7 7RA. It contains six different sets of apparatus set at least 2 meters apart from each other; three of them are large enough to accommodate two children at any one time. It is surrounded by a secure fence, with three gates, one or more of which may be locked to improve access control.
- It is important to acknowledge that infection is possible from a wide variety of sources, only some of which may be attributable to activities in or around the playground, but we recognise that play is important for children's well-being and development, and that medical advice is that children are unlikely to be affected by Covid-19 or to act as carriers.

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4. **Insurance.** The Council's insurers will provide cover under the Employers' and Public Liability sections of the policy should death, bodily injury, disease or damage to third party property arise and the claimant can prove the Council is legally liable for the incident. A £500 weekly benefit is payable for a maximum period of 2 years should the accident prevent the individual from pursuing their usual occupation.

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			L	S	DR		L	S	DR
<u>Section 1</u>	<u>Physical</u>								

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<p>Re-opening the playground</p>	<p>Children using the playground and supervising adults</p>	<p>Infection passing between children using the playground, and supervising adults (in either direction)</p>	3	3	9	<p>1. It is the responsibility of the parents of any child using the playground to ensure that they and their children abide by current Government regulations regarding Covid-19</p> <p>Social Distancing</p> <p>2. Social distancing is essential, to the extent required by Government regulation – parents must ensure that they are aware of the current position at all times, which may change at short notice.</p> <p>3. All children using the playground must be supervised individually by one of their own parents, unless two or more children are within the same family group</p> <p>4. The maximum number of children permitted within the playground at any one time is 9 – one on each piece of equipment and up to two on the three larger pieces (the newer ones) nearest to the Shop. For children in family groups/bubbles these individual equipment numbers can be relaxed.</p> <p>5. Should the playground be full on arrival, supervising parents and their children must form an orderly queue and observe social distancing regulations; in the event of a queue developing, playground sessions must be limited to 30 minutes.</p> <p>6. Supervising parents are responsible for ensuring that their children maintain the required degree of social distancing, unless they are within the same family group.</p> <p>7. Supervising parents should preferably remain outside the playground, unless they (one only) are actively assisting a very young child, and should at all times maintain the required degree of social distancing; the various seating arrangements provided may be utilised.</p> <p>8. Only 2 of the gates to the playground will be opened to restrict the flow of children through the area.</p> <p>Cleaning and Hygiene</p> <p>9. It is not possible to repeatedly clean equipment between each use and so supervising parents must ensure that all children, and any supervising parent who enters the playground, uses hand sanitiser gel or wipes at the start and end of their session.</p> <p>10. Used wipes must be placed in the waste bin beside the</p>	1	3	3

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