

Kenwyn Parish Council

Re-opening of Play Equipment

Risk Assessment

The Government recently announced that Play Parks could be re-opened on 4 July 2020 and subsequently produced guidance offering “practical advice on how these can be reopened and managed effectively to enable their use while minimising the transmission risk of COVID-19”. The guidance is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms>

The guidance includes a requirement to “carry out an appropriate COVID-19 risk assessment”. It is made very clear that “Failure to complete a risk assessment which takes account of COVID-19, or completing a risk assessment but failing to put in place sufficient measures to manage the risk of COVID-19, could constitute a breach of health and safety law”. On that basis, this Risk Assessment takes each of the Key Principles as set out in the guidance and assesses whether or not practical arrangements can be put in place in the context of the three open access Play Parks in Kenwyn Parish Council’s ownership.

Key Principle	Government Guidance	Assessment	Conclusion
General Maintenance Issues following Lockdown	Ensure equipment is safe to use and that risks from damaged or defective equipment are addressed before opening.	Check all equipment for safety	Being carried out across all three parks w/c 28.06.2020
Social Distancing	Put in place measures to support social distancing – 2m or 1m plus risk mitigations. Examples given include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit number of users at any one time• Booking system• Advisory signage• Create waiting areas with barriers	Signage to be produced and used in all settings. Line markings and barriers to be installed.	Signage produced and used to meet points 1 and 3 Lack of resources and impossible to police point 2 Point 4 being addressed, some barriers to be used and some line marking – work beginning w/c 28.06.2020

<p>Cleaning and Hygiene</p>	<p>Clean high traffic touch points frequently. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Play Equipment • Seating Areas • Refuse Bins <p>In addition, use signage to encourage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users to clean equipment before and after use • Use of hand sanitiser and frequent hand washing <p>Where practicable, provide hand sanitiser or hand washing facilities at entry and exit points.</p>	<p>Equipment to be cleaned prior to re-opening. Frequent cleaning to be carried out three times per week minimum.</p> <p>Sani stations to be installed at all play areas</p>	<p>Cleaning beginning 30.06.2020 then at least three times per week</p>
<p>Face Coverings</p>	<p>If possible, a face covering should be worn in enclosed public spaces where social distancing isn't possible and where the public may come into contact with people they do not normally meet. (Face coverings should not be used by children under the age of 3 or those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly).</p>	<p>Signage being produced now to advise face coverings must be in place where social distancing isn't possible and where the public may come into contact with people they do not normally meet (Signage to include advice that children under 3 or those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly)</p>	<p>Signage produced w/c 28.06.2020</p>
<p>Additional Measures and Communicating with Parents</p>	<p>Promote responsible behaviour by children, parents, carers and guardians. For example, owners and operators should consider putting up signs to make clear to users, parents, guardians and carers that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consumption of food or drink on play equipment or in the playground area is banned 	<p>Signage to be used</p>	<p>Signage being produced now w/c 28.06.2020</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> parents, guardians or carers should dispose of all litter including any used protective wear such as face coverings or gloves properly in litter bins, taking it home where a bin is not provided. 		
Considering Children with Additional Needs	Take into account the requirements of children with additional needs.	Signage to be used	Signage produced
Keeping Staff Safe	<p>Consider the risks staff may be exposed to and how these can be mitigated. Staff roles may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cleaning playground equipment/surrounding areas managing queues of those waiting to use equipment stewarding equipment to ensure users comply with rules made by the owner/operator 	<p>PPE to be provided to all staff and contractors</p> <p>Markings to be put on grass indicating social distance markers for users to queue to use equipment and signage to display the same beginning to be produced w/c 28.06.2020</p> <p>Stewarding beyond resources of Kenwyn Parish Council</p>	<p>PPE issued to all staff and contractors</p> <p>Markings installed indicating distances</p> <p>Signage produced</p>

Risk Assessments undertaken by the Clerk and agreed by all councillors.

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