

## TRYSULL AND SEISDON PARISH COUNCIL PLAY AREA RISK ASSESSMENT

<b>Activity:</b> Re-opening of play area	<b>Assessment date:</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<b>Review date:</b> As required
<b>Location(s):</b> Next to Village Hall Trysull		
<b>Completed by:</b> Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council		
<b>Signed off by:</b> Parish Council		

The Government 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 practical arrangements can be put in place in the context of the play area in Trysull.

<b>Key Principle</b>	<b>Government Guidance</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>People at risk</b>	<b>Control Measures</b>
General Maintenance Issues following Lockdown	Ensure equipment is safe to use and that risks from damaged or defective equipment are addressed before opening.	Equipment is faulty and causes an injury to user.	Users of the equipment	Equipment is visually inspected regularly and reports made as necessary. Equipment is put out of use if it is faulty or damaged and in need of repair.

Transmission of Coronavirus	The equipment and sites must be secured against COVID-19 to reduce the risk of virus transmission	Member of the public or staff become ill from catching the virus	Users of the equipment parents/guardians/ site inspector. Subsequently anyone they come into contact with.	Signage will be used clearly setting out guidance for use of the play areas.
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"> <li>• Limit number of users at any one time</li> <li>• Booking system</li> <li>• Advisory signage</li> <li>• Create waiting areas with barriers</li> </ul>	Transmission of coronavirus in the play areas.	Users of the equipment parents/guardians/ site inspector Subsequently anyone they come into contact with.	It is not possible for us to put a booking system in place. However, we will limit only one household or bubble to use any piece of equipment at a time with signage. Advisory signage to be put up to remind members of the public to social distance and to wait their turn to use the equipment. Signage received from SSDC Environmental Health team used in addition to our own advisory guidance.
Cleaning and Hygiene	Clean high traffic touch points frequently. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Play Equipment</li> <li>• Seating Areas</li> <li>• Refuse Bins</li> </ul> In addition, use signage to encourage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Users to clean equipment before and after use</li> <li>• Use of hand sanitiser and frequent hand washing.</li> </ul>	Transmission of coronavirus from touching the equipment.	Users of the equipment parents/guardians/ site inspector. Subsequently anyone they come into contact with.	Advisory notices to be put out informing members of the public that the equipment is not cleaned, sanitised or disinfected, and that they should use hand gel before and after using the equipment and to thoroughly wash their hands when they return home.

<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"> <li>• consumption of food or drink on play equipment or in the playground area is banned</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Lack of understanding of guidance / protocols for using the equipment results in transmission of coronavirus from the play area</p>	<p>Users of the equipment Parents/guardians</p>	<p>Information to be issued in advisory notices which will be laminated and cable tied to equipment and gates in play areas, in addition to posters provided by SSDC Environmental Health Team. Information will also be duplicated and published on the Parish website.</p>
<p>Keeping Inspections Safe</p>	<p>Consider the risks site inspectors may be exposed to and how these can be mitigated.</p>	<p>Transmission of coronavirus from touching the equipment.</p>	<p>Site inspectors and subsequently anyone they come into contact with.</p>	<p>Only visual inspection normally required. Protective gloves must be worn if any physical handling or testing proves necessary.</p>