

Risk Assessment for play areas at Anchorage Park, Goldsmith Centre and New Lane and outside gym at Anchorage – 9th March 2021

Important Notes:

1. The COVID-19 Risk Assessment has been updated from the 5th January 2021 risk assessment to take into account updated government guidance published on 8th March in light of the 'COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021' setting out the roadmap out of the current lockdown for England. This explains how restrictions will be eased over time. From 8 March some of the rules on what you can and cannot do will be changing. Later changes, including from 29 March, are set out in the roadmap. Please note that England is still in a national lockdown. You must stay at home, leaving only where permitted by law.
2. This assessment may need to be updated in the light of any new government advice that may be forthcoming.
3. This document should be read in conjunction with relevant legislation and guidance issued by government and local authorities.

Area or People at Risk	Risk identified	Actions to take to mitigate risk
Staff and users of the play areas and outdoor gym (parents, carers, children, guardians)	Surfaces infected by people carrying the virus. Disposing of rubbish. Measures to ensure social distancing Cleaning and hygiene – virus surviving on equipment/ hard surfaces Children/ users with special needs Ensuring staff safety Occasional Maintenance workers/visitors.	Signage to remind users of the need to adhere to social distancing in accordance with existing government guidance (distinguishing between adults and children with certain conditions who may find social distancing difficult). Encourage effective sanitation by users, parents, guardians and carers. Use signs and posters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to promote cleaning of equipment by users, parents, guardians and carers, particularly where there are clear touch points such as swing rockers, see saws, machine handles or exercise bars - encouraging parents to bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean their children's hands

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to encourage hand hygiene with including washing/sanitising hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and water or approved gel and foam sanitiser, particularly at the beginning and end of play - to advise users (or parents of users) not to touch their faces, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue or arm when a tissue is not available - to remind adults and children not to put their mouths on equipment or their hands in their mouths - to promote and remind users, parents, guardians and carers of the need for social distancing <p>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 - 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. Disposable face coverings and gloves cannot be recycled <p>Regular inspection of each area by Parish Council staff to identify any issues and remedy as appropriate.</p> <p>Socialising in a group of more than 6 outside, including the outdoor gym and play areas is prohibited.</p>
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Conclusion

Further to the above assessment and in line with the recent guidance published by the government the Parish Council's Play areas can remain open in line with the signage produced by Doncaster Council and the temporary removal of the swings at each site to aid social

distancing and based on the recommendation of the play area inspector. The outdoor gym can reopen in line with the provisions outlined above and the safe use signage at the site.

This information has been communicated via the Parish Council website and social media channels.

This assessment will be updated as and when required following government guidance.