

Risk Assessment for sports pitches/ pavilions on Newlands Park, Anchorage Lane and Goldsmith Centre – 29th 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 29 March some of the rules on what you can and cannot do have changed
2. The risk 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 sports pitches and pavilions (parents, carers, children, guardians, coaches, referee, linesmen, activity participants)	Numbers of people using the pitches. 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.	Organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue, however higher-risk contact activity should not take place. Social distancing guidelines to be followed. People should continue to socially distance from those they do not live with wherever possible. Social interactions should be limited to a group of up to 6 people from different households (outside). 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). Booking system to enable users to book sports pitches.

		<p>Using signs and posters to build awareness of good handwashing technique, the need to increase handwashing frequency, avoid touching your face and to cough or sneeze into your arm. Provide hand sanitiser in multiple locations in addition to washrooms.</p> <p>Clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is achieved.</p> <p>Enhancing cleaning for busy areas.</p> <p>Providing more waste facilities and more frequent rubbish collection.</p> <p>Disposable paper towels in handwashing facilities. Hand dryers are out of use.</p> <p>Indoor facilities (including changing rooms and showers) apart from toilets, remain closed as per current guidelines.</p> <p>NHS Track and Trace QR codes are located in the entrance of the Goldsmith Centre and Pavilions and the caretakers on site will take a record of the lead hirer name, contact number and times of arrival and departure for the purposes of Track and Trace. The QR code can be used if preferred. This applies to all employees, contractors, visitors and hirers coming into the premises. This information is private and in line with GDPR will only be used for the purposes of Track and Trace and destroyed after 21 days in line with the guidance.</p>
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	<p>Activity organisers should support track and trace efforts by collecting written information on participants at both individual training sessions and all matches. This must be detailed enough to allow NHS Test and Trace to contact all participants if a player becomes ill with COVID-19. These records must be kept for 21 days and comply with GDPR regulations.</p> <p>All hirers must provide copies of their insurance detailing cover for Covid 19. Failure to do so will result in the hire being suspended until such documents can be produced to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.</p> <p>All hirers must produce a written COVID-19 plan and risk assessment prior to activity. Preparation must include those in charge of the session taking part in specific training, as necessary, and participants being asked to consider if their underlying health, may caution against participation. This assessment must be in compliance with the current guidance, framework and principles; https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-grassroots-sports-guidance-for-the-public-and-sport-providers</p> <p>All clubs running activities for children should also consult the DfE guidance on Protective measures for out-of-school settings, which sets out further practical steps providers of community activities, holiday clubs, after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school provision for children should follow to minimise the risk of transmission for children attending their settings.</p> <p>All players, officials, volunteers and spectators must undergo a self-assessment for any COVID-19 symptoms. No-one should</p>
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	<p>leave home to participate in sport if they, or someone they live with, has symptoms of COVID -19 currently recognised as any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high temperature • A new, continuous cough • A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste <p>Participants are encouraged to follow best practice for travel including minimising use of public transport and limiting car sharing. Walk or cycle if you can. People from a household or support bubble can travel together in a vehicle</p> <p>Clubs should strictly limit the time spent congregating at a venue before activity begins. Meet-up times should reflect this. This includes arriving changed and ready to begin the warm up.</p> <p>Players should arrive changed and shower at home. Only the toilet facilities will be open at Newlands Pavilion and Anchorage Pavilion.</p> <p>Toilets will be opened for pre-match, match and for 30mins following.</p> <p>Actions identified;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signs and posters to build awareness of good handwashing technique, the need to increase handwashing frequency and to avoid touching your face, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue which is binned safely, or into your arm if a tissue is not available.
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<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Further to the above assessment it is my recommendation that the Parish Council's sports pitches at Newlands Park, Anchorage Lane and Goldsmith Centre open subject to the hirers compliance with the actions identified and the current guidance from government and the appropriate governing body. The toilets at Newlands Pavilion and Anchorage Pavilion will also be opened subject to the actions being implemented as set out above. The kitchen, showers and changing facilities will remain closed.</p> <p>Organised sport can continue to take place outdoors.</p>		