

# SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL



## Risk Assessment for Re-Opening of Woodland Playpark after 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020

See guidance 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>

General factors affecting decision to re-open:

- Playpark is in a fairly remote rural setting with a low local population
- The whole playpark area can be seen from outside the wall
- It is not intensively used
- It is outside in a well ventilated area

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General Maintenance Issues following Lockdown	Ensure equipment is safe to use and that risks from damaged or defective equipment are addressed before opening	Checks have continued on a weekly basis during the period playpark has been closed	Play equipment is safe to use. Full equipment check to be carried out and logged prior to opening
Social Distancing	Put in place measures to support social distancing – 2m or 1m plus risk mitigations	Only one family group (bubble) at a time will be permitted to use the	Protocol for use, including maximum time a family can be in the play park if others are waiting,

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		playpark removing restrictions on social distancing. Other family groups to wait outside until whole playpark is vacant	to be written by Management Committee and posted at entrance
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> Where practicable, provide hand sanitiser or hand washing facilities at entry and exit points.	Hand gel will be placed at gate for hand cleaning. Individual users will be responsible for cleaning equipment before and after use	Hygiene protocols sufficient for conditions. Management Committee to provide hand gel and include hygiene requirements in protocol
Face Coverings	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).	Not applicable as only family groups will be in the playpark and it is outside	
Additional Measures and Communicating with Parents	Promote responsible behaviour by children, parents, carers and guardians. For example, owners and operators should consider putting	Consumption of food and drink on site low risk as only family groups will be in play park. Bins available for disposal of rubbish	

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	up signs to make clear to users, parents, guardians and carers that: <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>		
Considering Children with Additional Needs	Take into account the requirements of children with additional needs.	Not applicable as existing facilities sufficient	
Keeping Staff Safe	Consider the risks staff may be exposed to and how these can be mitigated. Staff roles may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cleaning playground equipment/surrounding areas</li> <li>• managing queues of those waiting to use equipment</li> <li>• stewarding equipment to ensure users comply with rules made by the owner/operator</li> </ul>	Risk low as site is outside with low intensity use. Duty management committee member to take precautions when checking equipment and moving bins	Management committee to be made aware of precautions when working on site

Risk Assessment approved by Neil Urquhart, on behalf of Swalcliffe Parish Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020