# Chessbrook Green Play Area REVISED Risk Assessment for Re-opening after Covid 19 restrictions

## Company name: Henfield Parish Council Assessment carried out by: GP/ Recreation and Open Spaces Committee

## Date of next review: 29/12/2020 or *if Government’s COVID Alert Level changes* Date assessment was carried out: 6th October 2020

| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you already doing to control the risks? | What further action do you need to take to control the risks? | Who needs to carry out the action? | When is the action needed by? | Done |
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| **Touching gates, seats and play equipment including grab rails, chains and poles of climbing frame, slides, and swings etc**  | Any user could be at risk of catching Covid-19 by touching a previously infected surface | Playground notices posted since July and regular monitoring  | Continue to use Signage and public notices to encourage users to clean/sanitise hands before and after use, and publicising this advice including social media messaging * Regular checks of playground area and responses of public on social media.
* Ensure the signage is not removed.
* Consideration of more frequent litter bin emptying if needed
 | Signage to be made and displayedHPC Website updated and social media posts to warn local people of the safety advice Works Officer to check signage each week | Ongoing  | Yes |
| **Social Distancing advice not being followed, due to small space or behaviour**  | Any user could be at risk of infection from Covid -19 by **airborne transmission** from other users and by **contact** with areas just touched by an infected person | Playground notices posted since July and regular monitoring | **Signage and public notices** to encourage keeping 2 m social distancing at all times from users of other households. Where this is not possible due to age and maturity of users or due to small spaces, 1m+ distance is allowable with mitigation to keep this time to an absolute minimum, and in knowledge it is outdoors. Publicising this advice in the play area and in local media, including social media messaging. Regular checks and review. Ensure the signage is not removed regularly  | Signage to be made and displayed by HPC staff. Locations- Field gates and play area gate. Media messaging and website by HPC office staffRegular checks that signage is still in place by Works Officer  | Ongoing | YES |
| **Crowding or proximity to members of other households while on the items of play equipment**  | Users of the play park at risk from infection if they crowd into smaller spaces on the play equipment- **Specifically:*** Platforms on the climbing frame
* The nest swing

Play Items designed for one user  | Playground notices posted since July and regular monitoring | Notices and online social media advice to restrict number of users to safe level - suggest no more than 4 users at same time or one family household on large equipment and **One child at a time** on each waiting platforms on the climbing frame, nest swing, cargo net, rotator dish and rocker seat **Suggest users go elsewhere to play if the park and equipment too busy** **Only one adult to accompany child/ren to help them on play equipment**  | Signage to be made in office and posted by Works Officers on gates and other parts of the play area  | ongoing | YES |
| **TBC infection from touching megaphone accessory with mouth area** | Any Users - potential risk of Covid-19 transmission from getting mouths/faces too near contaminated surface or breathing in virus  | Area closed to public  | This item of equipment will be taped off as too high risk at present | Tape Off megaphone accessory | ongoing | YES |
| ***Crowding on wooden activity trail while this is still in use***  | *Social distancing could be compromised if young people travel in opposite directions on this trail*  | *Trails outside the fenced play area but general Covid reminder notices in near proximity*  | *Suggest a one-way system to avoid social distance issues on chains, benches and other parts of trail*  | *Advisory Notice written and put in an area*  | *ongoing*  | *YES* |
| **Infected people may be in the play area**  | Everyone -through proximity with those who have the virus  | Playground notices posted since July and regular monitoring | Notices need to state that **anyone with symptoms should not enter the play area** | Signage to be put on gate and other locations in play area  | ongoing | YES |
| **Discarded litter and potential touch contamination from eating on seating areas**  | Anyone who touches litter or who touches seating areas, gates and bins contaminated by virus related to eating (touching mouth area)  | Playground notices posted since July and regular monitoring | Advise no eating in the area to limit litter and reduce chance of users touching mouth areas and contaminating surfaces of seating, gates and litter bins | Signage on gates to be produced and mounted by HPC staff  | ongoing | YES |
| **Staff safety during checks on play areas and equipment, Litter emptying and general maintenance of area**  | HPC staff could be infected by contact with surfaces or litter that has been touched by an infected member of the public  | Staff are already briefed on safe ways of working including use of gloves and regular handwashing | Reminder about gloves and other measures to take when checking the play area and signage and emptying bins  | HPC staff in office and Works Officers  | Ongoing  | YES |

More information on managing risk: [www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/)

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