# Henfield Skate Park 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: 31st December 2021 or *if Government’s COVID Alert Level changes* Date assessment was carried out: 1st June 2021**

| 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 rails, seats, surrounds and fencing in skate park area** | Any user could be at risk of catching Covid-19 by touching a previously infected surface | Skate park officially opened once mitigations in place on 6th July 2020 | Signage and public notices to encourage cleaning users; hands before and after use, and publicising this advice including social media messaging   * Regular checks of area and responses of public on social media. * Ensure the signage is not removed. * Consideration of more frequent litter bin emptying | Signage to be made and displayed  HPC Website updated and social media posts to warn local people of the safety advice  Works Officer to check signage each week | 1st June 2021 and ongoing | YES |
| **Social Distancing advice not being followed, due to small space, queuing 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 | Advice and Notices posted prior to official re-opening on 6th July 2020 | **Signage and public notices** to encourage keeping 2m social distancing at all times from users of other groups. Where this is not possible due to age and maturity of users 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- fencing and other areas appropriate for signage  Media messaging and website by HPC office staff  Regular checks that signage is still in place by Works Officer | 1st June 2021 and ongoing | YES |
| **Crowding or proximity to members of other households while in the skate park** | Users of the skate park at risk from infection if they crowds together | Notices and advice | Notices and online social media advice to restrict number of users to safe level and reduce number of users queueing to skate. Recommend no more than 6 users at the same time.  **Suggest users go elsewhere if the park and equipment too busy**  **Only one adult to accompany younger children using this area e.g. with scooters** | Signage to be made in office and posted by Works Officers on gates and other parts of the play area | 1st June2021 | YES |
| **Infected people may be in the skate park** | Everyone -through proximity with those who have the virus | Awareness raised by advice and information | 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 | 1st June 2021 | 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) | Litter Pickers have been alerted to do more frequent checks and empty bins on Kings Field as needed. | 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 | 1st June 2021 | 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 | 1st June 2021 | YES |

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