# Kings Field Play Area 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 gates, seats and play equipment including grab rails, chains and poles of climbing frame, slides,** | Any user could be at risk of catching Covid-19 by touching a previously infected surface | Advice shared prior to opening on social media plus notices at the site | Signage and public notices to encourage cleaning users; 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 | 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 and ongoing |
| **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 | Advice to public on distancing has been shared | **Signage and public notices** to encourage keeping 2 m social distancing at all times from users of other groups 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 staff  Regular checks that signage is still in place by Works Officer | 1st June 2021 and ongoing | YES and ongoing |
| **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 crowds into smaller spaces on the play equipment-  **Specifically:**   * small tunnel under the green mounds * Carousel Whirl (small chair roundabout) * Swings * Slides * seesaws | Advice shared prior to re-opening on 6th July and remains in place on notices | Notices and online social media advice to restrict number of users to safe level - suggested one family household or 6 users at same time on large equipment and  **One child at a time** on each waiting platforms on the climbing frame, zip wire, monkey bars and on each slide/swing/and seesaw 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 | 1st June 2021 and ongoing | YES and ongoing |
| **Talk Tube Flowers play equipment** | Any Users - risk of Covid-19 transmission from getting mouths/faces too near contaminated surface or breathing in virus | Area currently closed to public –  **October 2020- HPC Works Officers are looking into a more secure way of blocking or removing these items** | This item of equipment will be taped off as too high risk at present | Tape Off both ends of talking tubes | 1st June 2021 and urgent changes needed in view of newly highlighted dangers of singing and shouting in transmitting virus October 2020 | Done in July but the taping off is not long lasting and this is being reviewed |
| **Infected people may be in the play area** | Everyone -through proximity with those who have the virus | Advice prior to opening | 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 and ongoing | YES and ongoing |
| **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) | Areas are focus for additional checks from litter picker and advice to empty bin even on days when HDC does not collect the rubbish, so bins do not overflow | Advise no eating in the area to limit litter and also 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 and ongoing | YES and ongoing |
| **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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