

# COVID-19 Specific - Play Area/Outside Gym Risk Assessment

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways and is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. The symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal.

This Risk Assessment concludes that users the facilities and their responsible adults of must be responsible for the safe use of the facilities and should sanitise any equipment before and after use as a minimum.

Victory Park is an un-supervised public open space with a variety of facilities available for early years up to adults. The Outdoor Gym, children's playground and swings are all potential areas of cross-contamination by physical touch / contact. The MUGA is deemed to present minimal risk due to its location and use but social distancing should be maintained.

Social distancing, face coverings, sanitising and responsible behaviour within the published Government and locally displayed guidelines are a necessary requirement of the users of the facilities, with a particular emphasis on the responsibility of adults and carers to be responsible for the supervised use of the equipment and maintenance of social distancing by early years and under 14's.

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Review Date: Weekly – equipment and signage

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
<p><b>Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)</b></p> <p>Key transmission points are person to person and contact with contaminated equipment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Employees</b></li> <li>• <b>Children</b></li> <li>• <b>Vulnerable groups – elderly, those with existing underlying health conditions</b></li> <li>• <b>Anyone else who physically comes in contact with the play equipment and/or Outside gym equipment</b></li> <li>• <b>Anyone else who comes into contact with users and visitors</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Cleaning</b> Frequent cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use. <b>Managed cleaning is impractical due to lack of resources, cost and practicality for an un-supervised play area.</b></p> <p>Parents, Guardians and users of the gym equipment are encouraged to clean the equipment before and after use by way of signage</p> <p><b>Social Distancing</b> Social Distancing - Reducing the number of people to allow a distance of 2 metres, where possible, as recommended by the Public Health Agency <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</a></p>	<p>Posters are on display. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</a></p> <p>Regular checks will be carried out to ensure strict adherence to the rules otherwise closure has to be considered</p> <p>Signage will be displayed to inform users of the need to maintain social distancing</p>	LMP	21/07/2020	

		<p><b><u>Wearing of Face Masks</u></b> Difficult to police and enforce</p> <p><b><u>Signage</u></b> To advise parents and users that the equipment needs to be sanitised before and after use.</p> <p>Reminder regarding socially distancing.</p> <p>Reminder to wear a mask</p> <p><b><u>Booking system</u></b> A booking system is impractical and unachievable with an un-supervised play area and Gym</p> <p><b><u>One Way System</u></b> A one-way system is impractical and unmanageable in an un-supervised play area</p> <p><b><u>Refuse</u></b> There are adequate bins in and around the play area and wider park area</p>	<p>Signage will be displayed</p> <p>Use of a number of "CORONAVIRUS!" Signs are on display around the playground and Gym to remind users that the area is not a Covid-19 Secure Area.</p> <p>Personal towels should be used on the Gym</p> <p>No food or drink</p> <p>Signage</p> <p>Signage</p> <p>Signage will be on display advising of maximum people and duration of visit to the play area</p> <p>Individual play apparatus and gym equipment are suitably set apart to support social distancing</p>			
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