

STRAY ROAD PLAY AREA RISK ASSESSMENT - HEWORTH WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

SITE LOCATION	Stray Road Play Area, Heworth YORK		
UNDERTAKEN BY	Gayle Enion-Farrington	DATE OF INSPECTION	9th July 2020
OVERALL RISK RATING	Low	SITE STATUS LEVEL [1 – 4]	1
AGREED ACTION : (Open / Close / Partially reopen)	Open	REVIEW DATE	July 2021

Instructions:

1. This applies to all work activities that fall under this activity.
2. If this risk assessment does not cover all of the hazards and existing control measures required relevant to your service, you should add them below at 'Other risks (please detail)' and notify the Clerk by sending the risk assessment attached to the email.
3. If further controls are necessary, these should be recorded in the 'Additional controls to reduce risk' column and a revised lower score given.
4. Please communicate this risk assessment to all staff e.g. via email, team meetings etc evidencing how you do this.
5. Review the risk assessment annually, after an accident/incident or significant changes to the workplace or working processes.

Terminology:

- **Activity**- The use of facility being undertaken.
- **Hazard**- Something with the potential to cause harm. Harm can be physical, chemical, biological or psychological.
- **Control Measures**- Actions taken to prevent hazard being realised. Control measures can include such areas as training, supervision, safe systems of work, maintenance procedures, physical measures such as guarding and personal protective equipment.
- **Likelihood** – the chances of harm occurring on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being highly unlikely and 5 being highly likely
- **Risk Rating**- Multiply the likelihood figure by the severity figure to get the risk rating after the existing control measures have been considered.
- **Severity** – the level of harm/injury caused by the accident or incident, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being First aid required and 5 being a fatality.

	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
S1	1	2	3	4	5
S2	2	4	6	8	10
S3	3	6	9	12	15
S4	4	8	12	16	20
S5	5	10	15	20	25

Possible Likelihood

5 Highly Likely
4 Likely
3 Possible
2 Unlikely
1 Highly Unlikely

Possible Severity

5 Fatality
4 Major Injury
3 Hospital Treatment
2 First Aid Required
1 No Injury

Rating Action

15-25 Very High Activity should not be undertaken without reducing risk
10-12 High As above
8-9 Moderate Activity to continue. Additional controls should be considered
4-6 Low Activity fine top continue with existing controls
1-3 Very Low As above

STAGE 1 : RISK ASSESSMENT

Nature of hazard or issue increasing risk of transmission	Persons at direct risk	Likelihood x Severity = Risk Rating			Recommended Control Measures (if RR > 6)	Potential additional controls to reduce risk, where reasonably practical (if RR > 10)
		L	S	RR		
Potential overcrowding on equipment	Children and those supervising.	3	1	3	Level of usage unlikely to cause overcrowding	Signs promoting social distancing. Etc It's a watch and see – warm summer months and straight after school number may increase.
		X				
Virus left on surfaces such as gate latches, tables or seating used by adults & families	Visitors using and members of their household.	2	3	6	Signs requesting handwashing & hand sanitation before leaving the home and when returning. No eating or drinking.	Signs checked as part of play area weekly inspections
		x				
Children (infectious) shouting close to people outside of support bubble (increasing respiratory droplets)	All visitors.	2 x	3	6	Shouting and noise not an issue on this site given the number of users.	

Nature of hazard or issue When using the play area	Persons at risk	Likelihood x Severity = Risk Rating			Recommended Control Measures (if RR > 6)	Potential additional controls to reduce risk, where reasonably practical (if RR > 10)
		L	S	RR		
Slips Trips and Falls when using the play equipment	All Visitors	3	2	6	Weekly (Internal by Clerk), Quarterly (3 monthly by Playscheme) and Annual (External by Independent Inspector) play area inspections are carried out to ensure there is no immediate risk to safety	Act upon any risks highlighted in the inspections in a timely manner

Notes :Government reopened playgrounds on July 4th, 2020 and existing control measures have been reviewed and amended. During the drafting process we have carefully considered points raised in the Groundsman & Clerks discussions and have consulted the government guidance below. We are also adhering to City of York Councils guidelines, who read our independent inspection by Playscheme and then came and unlocked the gates permanently. CYC also provided the signage so that all play areas I the city have the same signage.

NOTE : You are very unlikely to be infected by walking past another person. Public Health England (PHE) recommends trying to keep 2 metres away from people, where possible, as a precaution. However, this is not a rule and the science is complex. The key thing is not to be too close to people for more than a short amount of time, as much as you can.

Resources consulted

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-public-places-urban-centres-and-green-spaces-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/construction-and-other-outdoor-work#outdoors-5-3>

STAGE 2 : ACTION PLAN OF ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

PLAYGROUND COVID-19 ACTION PLAN – ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS				
DATE : 9.07.2020	SITE : Stray Road Play Area	AGREED		
	What additional precautions do you need to take to eliminate or reduce the Covid-19 risks to least Medium or ideally Low Risk Rating	Who	When	Done
Play Area	Signs reminding of risk when using	GEF	9/07/2020	Done
Social Distancing	Signs to remind the public to distance Check signs are still in place	GEF	9/07/2020 Ongoing with weekly inspections	Done
Public hygiene	Signs to remind the public to clean handwashing at home, Face coverings and social distancing. Using hand sanitiser after using the play equipment. Check signs are still in place .	GEF	9/07/2020	Done
Vandalism	We have signage to no se overnight that states that the park is closed from 8pm or dusk (whatever is earlier) , but we do not actually lock the gates. It is a small village and if parents and children wish to use it early in the mornings (when it is light) or later	GEF	09/07/2020 Updated 4.3.2021 after email from Ros	Done

	<p>in the summer months, we have been flexible with this.</p> <p>During Lockdown 1 (23rd March to 30th June 2020) when The City of York Council actually locked the gates older children would just climb over and use the facilities. Therefore HWPC deems it safer to be left unlocked.</p> <p>Our Insurance company are happy with this arrangement and on 4th March 2021 they confirmed that "I can confirm that as you have taken reasonable precautions your insurance cover will not be affected in anyway and there is no need to pay for a security company or take your sign down. The park can remain unlocked".</p>		Collings Insurance Officer from Community Actions Suffolk.	
Cleaning of hard surfaces	<p>Play area had a full deep clean prior to opening</p> <p>Clean swing chains and seat arms and then leave to people's good sense afterwards.</p> <p>An additional Deep clean of all play Equipment to be carried out 6 monthly or more frequent if deemed needed.</p>	<p>GEF & DM</p> <p>GEF & Move it Contractors</p>	<p>9/07/2020</p> <p>Due to build up of mud and High Covid levels in York over the Winter Additional deep clean Dec 2020</p>	Done
Routine Inspections	<p>During routine Inspections Monitor level of use and the 'Lets be Safe' signage supplied by the council is still in place – replace where necessary.</p>	GEF	<p>Weekly</p> <p>Quarterly</p> <p>Annually</p>	Done