

## 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 is a draft copy of a **generic Risk Assessment** for dealing with COVID-19. It is not likely to cover all scenarios and each council should consider their own unique circumstances.

**Name of Assessor:**

**Assessment Date:**

**Review Date:**

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>	<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> </ul>	<p><b>Cleaning</b> Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use. Parents, Guardians and users of the gym equipment should be 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><b>Wearing of Face Masks</b> Should be encouraged but would be difficult to police</p>	<p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for 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 should be carried out to ensure strict adherence to the rules otherwise closure has to be considered</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> Instigate a booking system for the equipment – only feasible if the equipment is under total control/supervision of council i.e. an indoor play area</p> <p><b><u>One Way System</u></b> Consideration should be given to installing a one way system around the equipment if this is feasible</p> <p><b><u>Refuse</u></b> Increase the number of refuse collections (or increase the number of receptacles) to ensure that there are adequate facilities for people to dispose of their litter</p>	Use of a number of “CORONAVIRUS!” Signs to remind users that the virus is still active.			
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