

Cranbrook Town Council Risk Assessment

Task/Event	Opening of Playground	Risk Number
Description of Task/Event (Exposure):	From 4 July 2020, the government further relaxed the lockdown and have allowed playgrounds to reopen for public use. This risk assessment covers the playground under the control of Cranbrook Town Council i.e. St Martin's, Hayes Square and Northwood Acres.	Date of Review 4 July 2020 Date Next Review

Severity: 5 Fatality	Severity 4 Major injury/illness resulting in a disability	Severity 3 Injury/illness requires doctor or hospital attendance.	Severity 2 Minor injury/illness first aid required	Severity 1 Minor injury/illness no first aid required.
Likelihood 5 Almost certain >71%	Likelihood 4 Probable 51%-70%	Likelihood 3 Possible 31%-50%	Likelihood 2 Remote 11%-30%	Likelihood 1 Improbable 0-10%

	5	10	15	20	25
S E V E R I T Y	4	8	12	16	20
	3	6	9	12	15
	2	4	6	8	10
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Red Risk: Unacceptable (High) Reduce by further Mitigation. Transfer the Risk	Yellow Risk: Tolerate (Medium) Consider further actions to reduce risk and impact	Green Risk: Acceptable (Low) Monitor and Review.
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Health and Safety Guidance/Procedures/Safe Working Practice:

[COVID-19: Guidance for managing playgrounds and outdoor gyms](#)

No	Hazard and potential consequences	Persons at Risk	Control Measures/Information	Current Risk Rating	Recommendations	Town Council Comments
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1	<p>Poor management of the opening of playgrounds</p> <p>Potential to expose users to the Coronavirus</p> <p>Inherent Risk</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="241 456 586 533"> <thead> <tr> <th>Severity</th> <th>Likelihood</th> <th>Risk Score</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>3</td> <td>15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Score	5	3	15	All Users	<p>Information:</p> <p>All playgrounds for which the Town Council is responsible have been secured since the lockdown restrictions were put into place. All the play equipment has been exposed to a variety of weather conditions. It is therefore unlikely that any contamination of the Coronavirus is present. Taking this into consideration it is thought that the cleaning of all equipment prior to opening the playgrounds would not be practicable or necessary.</p> <p>As the playgrounds are unsupervised it is further considered that parents/guardians/unsupervised children should ensure they take the necessary steps to protect themselves.</p> <p>Equipment Maintenance:</p> <p>All equipment has continued to be inspected weekly and records maintained.</p> <p>Recent government guidance states that the risk of the transmission of the Coronavirus is minimised if play equipment is located outdoors where it is exposed to UV light and rain. The Council will therefore not “frequently” (government guidance point 4) clean any surfaces after (each?) use.</p> <p>Hygiene Control Measures:</p> <p>Display notices will be positioned prior to opening at all entry points with the following advice:</p>	<p>Severity 5</p> <p>Likelihood 2</p> <p>Risk Rating 10</p> <p>Medium Risk</p>		
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The play areas are not “Covid-secure” as defined by the government guidance, i.e. are not cleaned “frequently”. • Parents are responsible for supervising their children including their hygiene, including hand sanitisation on entry and exit of play area. • It is advised that users have hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean their hands and touch points on equipment. • Parents should not permit children to enter the playground unaccompanied or when it is already occupied such that social distancing cannot be observed. • Advise users (or parents of users) not to touch their faces, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue or arm when a tissue is not available. • To remind adults and children not to put their mouths on equipment or their hands in their mouths. • Parents should report any contamination concerns to the Town Council on 01404 514552 			
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice not to leave litter but to take it home. <p>Distancing Control Measures:</p> <p>Display notices on all entry point with the following advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users are to maintain the government latest social distancing guidance • Consider the use of face coverings • If social distancing cannot be achieved do not enter and consider using an alternative playground. 			
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Remark

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