

St Neot Parish Council Risk Assessment: Opening of Play and Exercise Area following Corona Virus Restrictions

1st July 2020

Risk	Concern	Considerations	Mitigation Measures	Likelihood Score post control	Severity Score post control	Risk Score post control	Residual Risk
Social Distance not observed	<p>Too many people at any one time</p> <p>Mixing of people from different households/families</p> <p>Unsupervised older children unaware or ignoring risk.</p> <p>Visitors may use these facilities.</p>	<p>Footfall is low and it is unlikely that the play area will be crowded.</p> <p>Parishioners are known to be responsible and caring and will follow guidelines.</p> <p>Older children shall need prompting to observe social distances.</p> <p>Visitors may need prompting to observe guidelines.</p>	<p>Given the low footfall, it is unnecessary to put in restrictions on numbers and flow/direction of use. However, it is necessary to remove equipment where its use would create face to face contact (< 1m).</p> <p>Children and parents are familiar with the Bubble concept, so posters will be used to remind all user to stay in their bubbles.</p> <p>Guidance suggests that the onus is to be placed on individuals to take responsibility for adhering to guidelines. Therefore, visual prompts will be placed at all entry points.</p>	moderate	moderate	moderate	It is recognised that the risk cannot be completely removed, but a common sense approach is required.
Contamination from touching surfaces	<p>Multiple touch points and cleaning challenges.</p> <p>Additional waste created from disposed tissues or towels from hand cleaning.</p>	<p>Many hands are likely to touch handles, ropes, etc which have not been sterilised.</p> <p>Parishioners tend to be conscious regarding waste disposal and there is little evidence around the village to suggest they will be irresponsible.</p>	<p>Encourage everyone to wash hands and use sanitiser as per the Guidance is essential. This will be done through posters at entry points and place the onus on individuals to be sensible and comply.</p>	moderate	moderate		The risk cannot be completely removed, yet gentle prompts to adhere to guidelines is key.
Not opening the facilities	<p>People will use it anyway.</p>	<p>There has been evidence that barriers have been broken down and there's an expectation that people should be able to enjoy the facilities as soon as practicable.</p>	<p>The Parish Council recognises that community facilities are there for the benefit and welfare of our community and are keen for people to enjoy the facilities in a responsible and safe way.</p>	low	low	low	This is a reputational risk for the Parish Council but it is felt that everyone will take responsibility to ensure social distancing and stringent hygiene precautions are observed

