

Puddletown Area Parish Council: Play area reopening from 4th July 2020 Risk Assessment - Puddletown Community Play Park

Background: All play areas were closed by order of the government in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. From the 4th July, they are able to reopen but must be carefully managed. The Parish Council reviewed Government guidance and decided that it is to feasible to regularly clean all play equipment or to have people in place to monitor use of play areas. The responsibility for hygiene and social distancing is placed entirely with the user.

			Risk assessment when control measures are in place		
HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK?	CONTROL MEASURES IN PLACE	Probability (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk* (1-25)
Social distancing measures not adhered to. Spread of Covid-19 virus.	Members of the public, staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors.	Signs to be placed at both play park entrances to encourage social distancing. "Give Way" signs to be used at play park entrances to aid social distancing at pinch points. The enclosed play area with sand pit at Puddletown will also have "Give Way" signs. Signs will advise anyone with symptoms not to enter, to go home and to self-isolate.	3	3	9 Med
Presence of the virus on hard surfaces. Spread of Covid-19 virus.	Members of the public, staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors.	Signs will be placed and messages will be on the Parish Council website as well as social media platforms to advise parents to take hygiene products with them when visiting play areas and to clean equipment before and after use. Signs will be up advising users to take hand sanitiser and to regularly wash hands particularly before and after play.	3	3	9 Med
Increase in the number of cases of the virus locally.	All.	The Proper Officer will continue to monitor the local status through updates from Public Health Dorset. Should there be an increase in cases locally, the Parish Council will consider this and decide on a way forward. This may mean that additional control measures are needed but the Parish Council reserves the right to close facilities at any time that it sees fit.	3	3	9 Med

*Calculated by multiplying the probability by the severity. Below 9 = low risk, between 9 and 14 = medium risk, 15 and above = high risk.

**This is a model risk assessment –further control measures must be included where applicable.
Always seek appropriate medical attention when necessary.**