

Skegness Town Council Covid-19 workplace risk assessment for Playparks November 2020

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

On 5th November the Government updated its guidance for safe use of playparks and to ensure that playparks are used with safe social distancing in place. The guidance states the following provisions should be made:

- Maximum capacity identified for gated play areas with clear signage on what that number is
- Provision of stewards for high use/high risk areas
- Booking Systems
- Create one way entrance and exits
- Relocate equipment for social distancing
- Put items close together out of use
- Daily equipment cleaning including touchpoints
- Provide cleaning equipment

It is not feasible for Skegness Town Council to provide the above for outside play parks and to ensure that social distancing is taking place in the play areas. For this reason, all Council owned play parks will be closed until after the current lockdown.

Once the current restrictions are lifted Skegness Town Council will review the risk assessment and re-open the playparks after carrying out the tasks below:

- Completed and published a risk assessment for COVID 19 risks. (See Town Council website)
- Carried out safety checks on all sites
- Arranged cleaning and repairs where necessary
- Produced signage

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playpark users and visitors • Staff • Cleaners • Contractors • Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions • Anyone else who physically comes in contact the playpark and other users 	<p><u>Working Control</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All playparks are outdoors • Surfaces are subject to UV light and rain which may help to reduce risks • Signage to restrict 1 family member per child and not to use if busy. <p><u>Cleaning & Sanitising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage encouraging appropriate handwashing and sanitising in place. • See hand washing guidance. • https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ • Regular litter picks, emptying of bins and playground safety inspections in place. 	<p>Signage including controls are placed in each playground To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</p> <p>Public toilets available in Tower Gardens near to playpark. Staff provided with hand gel.</p>	<p>Deputy Town Clerk -Before playparks are re-opened</p> <p>Grounds team to complete safety checks, empty bins and litter pick.</p>	<p>ASAP before the end of July Temp signs to be put in place whilst waiting for signs ordered.</p> <p>Ongoing regular task.</p>	<p>Permanent signs installed 13/07/20.</p> <p>Yes</p>

		<p>Social Distancing Social Distancing -Signage in place to remind users to maintain social distance.</p> <p>Staff to complete safety checks and maintenance early mornings when areas are less busy.</p> <p>Toilets Toilets are available in Tower Gardens. This are maintained by East Lindsey District Council. https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</p> <p>Symptoms of Covid-19 If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature in the workplace they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance. Line managers will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time.</p>	<p>Staff to be reminded on a daily basis of the importance of social distancing both in the workplace and outside of it and that all staff are empowered to remind each other and visitors. Management checks to ensure this is adhered to.</p> <p>Only small teams working where possible with social distance in place. This is to be regularly reviewed and increased as the risk of transmission falls.</p>	<p>All line manager</p> <p>All Staff</p>	<p>09/07/20 ongoing task</p> <p>09/07/20</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
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