

## LOCAL COUNCIL PLAYGROUND RISK ASSESSMENT CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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| <b>SITE LOCATION</b>   | <b>Curbar Parish Council Play Ground</b> |                                  |                                 |
| <b>UNDERTAKEN BY</b>   | <b>Martyn Games</b>                      | <b>DATE OF INSPECTION</b>        | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020</b> |
| <b>OVERALL RISK RATING</b>                                   | <b>Low</b>                               | <b>SITE STATUS LEVEL [1 – 4]</b> | <b>1</b>                        |
| <b>AGREED ACTION :<br/>(Open / Close / Partially reopen)</b> | <b>Open</b>                              | <b>REVIEW DATE</b>               | <b>July 2021</b>                |

**Instructions:**

1. This applies to all work activities that fall under this activity.
2. If this risk assessment does not cover all of the hazards and existing control measures required relevant to your service, you should add them below at 'Other risks (please detail)' and notify the Clerk and/or Service Manager by sending the risk assessment attached to the email.
3. If further controls are necessary, these should be recorded in the 'Additional controls to reduce risk' column and a revised lower score given.
4. Please communicate this risk assessment to all staff e.g. via email, team meetings etc evidencing how you do this.
5. Review the risk assessment annually, after an accident/incident or significant changes to the workplace or working processes.

**Terminology:**

- **Activity-** The use of facility being undertaken.
- **Hazard-** Something with the potential to cause harm. Harm can be physical, chemical, biological or psychological.
- **Control Measures-** Actions taken to prevent hazard being realised. Control measures can include such areas as training, supervision, safe systems of work, maintenance procedures, physical measures such as guarding and personal protective equipment.
- **Likelihood** – the chances of harm occurring on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being highly unlikely and 5 being highly likely
- **Risk Rating-** Multiply the likelihood figure by the severity figure to get the risk rating after the existing control measures have been considered.
- **Severity** – the level of harm/injury caused by the accident or incident, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being First aid required and 5 being a fatality.

**Likelihood (L) × Severity (S)  
= Risk Rating (RR):**

|              | <b>L = 1</b> | <b>L = 2</b> | <b>L = 3</b> | <b>L = 4</b> | <b>L = 5</b> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>S = 1</b> | 1            | 2            | 3            | 4            | 5            |
| <b>S = 2</b> | 2            | 4            | 6            | 8            | 10           |
| <b>S = 3</b> | 3            | 6            | 9            | 12           | 15           |
| <b>S = 4</b> | 4            | 8            | 12           | 16           | 20           |
| <b>S = 5</b> | 5            | 10           | 15           | 20           | 25           |

**Possible  
Likelihood**

5 Highly likely  
4 Likely  
3 Possible  
2 Unlikely  
1 Highly unlikely

**Possible Severity**

5 Fatality  
4 Major injury  
3 Hospital  
treatment  
2 First aid required  
1 No injury

| <b>Rating</b>          | <b>Action</b>  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>15-25 Very High</b> | Activity should not be undertaken without reducing risk        |
| <b>10-12 High</b>      | As above   |
| <b>8-9 Moderate</b>    | Activity to continue. Additional controls should be considered |
| <b>4-6 Low</b>         | Activity fine to continue with existing controls               |
| <b>1-3 Very Low</b>    | As above   |

**STAGE 1 : RISK ASSESSMENT**

| Nature of hazard or issue increasing risk of transmission  | Persons at direct risk                         | Likelihood x Severity = Risk Rating |   |    | Recommended Control Measures (if RR > 6)   | Potential additional controls to reduce risk, where reasonably practical (if RR > 10) |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|----|--|---|
|  |  | L                                   | S | RR |  |   |
| <b>Potential overcrowding on equipment</b>   | Children and those supervising.                | 1                                   | 1 | 1  | Level of usage unlikely to cause overcrowding  | Signs promoting social distancing. etc  |
|  |  | X                                   |   |    |  |   |
|  |  |                                     |   |    |  |   |
|  |  |                                     |   |    |  |   |
| <b>Virus left on surfaces such as gate latches, tables or seating used by adults &amp; families</b>                                  | Visitors using and members of their household. | 2                                   | 3 | 6  | Signs requesting handwashing & hand sanitation before entering and on leaving. No eating or smoking. | Signs checked as part of playing field inspections                                    |
|  |  | x                                   |   |    |  |   |
|  |  |                                     |   |    |  |   |
|  |  |                                     |   |    |  |   |
|  |  |                                     |   |    |  |   |
| <b>Children (infectious) shouting close to people outside of support bubble</b><br><a href="#">(increasing respiratory droplets)</a> | All visitors.                                  | 2<br>x                              | 3 | 6  | Shouting and noise not an issue on this site given the number of users.                              |   |
|  |  |                                     |   |    |  |   |

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|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|----|--|---|
|   |                 | L                                   | S | RR |  |   |
| None  |                 |                                     |   |    |  |   |
|   |                 |                                     |   |    |  |   |
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**Notes** :Government reopened playgrounds on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and existing control measures have been reviewed and amended. During the drafting process we have carefully considered points raised in colleagues' feedback and have consulted the government guidance below.

NOTE : You are very unlikely to be infected by walking past another person. Public Health England (PHE) recommends trying to keep 2 metres away from people, where possible, as a precaution. However, this is not a rule and the science is complex. The key thing is not to be too close to people for more than a short amount of time, as much as you can.

#### Resources consulted

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-public-places-urban-centres-and-green-spaces-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/construction-and-other-outdoor-work#outdoors-5-3>

**STAGE 2 : ACTION PLAN OF ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

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| <b>PLAYGROUND COVID-19 ACTION PLAN – ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS</b> |  |               |           |      |
|---|--|---------------|-----------|------|
| <b>DATE : 3.07.2020</b>   | <b>SITE : Curbar playground</b>  | <b>AGREED</b> |           |      |
|   | What additional precautions do you need to take to eliminate or reduce the Covid-19 risks to least Medium or ideally Low Risk Rating | Who           | When      | Done |
| Play Area   | Signs reminding of risk when using   | MG            | 2/07/2020 | x    |
| Social Distancing   | Signs to remind the public to distance<br>Check signs are still in place   | MG            | 2/07/2020 | x    |
| Public hygiene  | Signs to remind the public to clean hands before and after using the play equipment<br>Check signs are still in place .              | MG            | 2/07/2020 | Done |
| Cleaning of hard surfaces                                       | Clean swing chains and seat arms and then leave to to people's good sense then.  | CC            | 3/07/2020 | Done |