

Great Somerford Parish Council Risk Register 2020

Covid 19 Risk Assessment for the Winkins Lane Play Area

This document reflects the reality on the ground that the Play Area is an **unsupervised facility** and that the **key responsibility for keeping children safe resides with the parents and family** of the under 18 users of the Play Area. Parents should take all reasonable precautions.

The Parish Council is unable to provide a cleaning and sanitation service of all equipment on site, nor can it provide hand gel for users and ensure that the bottles are full and remain in situ.

Parents are reminded that it is **impossible to remove all Covid 19 risk** from the Play Area should an infected child or carer enter the site.

Should the **R** number rise in Wiltshire or there is an outbreak of Covid cases in this or surrounding villages the Parish Council will close the facility. Ditto if it is not used responsibly.

Risk	Mitigating Actions	Implement Yes/No	By whom	When
Risk of Covid 19 transmission through touching an infected surface	1. Children to wash hands thoroughly at home before entering the Play Area & when returning home.	Yes - but Parish Council cannot monitor uptake. Parental responsibility.	Parents & carers	Before & after each visit.
	2. Parents/carers to bring hand gel with them and get children to use it each time they move to a different piece of equipment	Yes - but Parish Council cannot monitor uptake. Parental responsibility.		During each visit.
	3. Clean high traffic touch points frequently e.g. the entrance gate.	No. Encourage effective sanitation by users, parents, guardians and carers.	N/A	N/A
	4. Display signs to promote use of hand gel and baby wipes on hands & equipment before use.	Yes	CLlr Griffiths & Butcher	Before 4 July + check weekly thereafter
	5. Parents to take all litter home if the bin is full.	Yes	Parents & carers	During each visit.
Risk of Covid 19 transmission through coughing/ sneezing/ air borne droplets	1. Maintain social distancing of 2 metres wherever possible.	Yes - Parental responsibility. Parish Council cannot monitor.	Parents & carers	During each visit.
	2. Limit number of people in the Play Area to maximum 15 at any one time.			
	3. Request users to have only one adult family member accompanying the child(ren) from a single family unit.			

Risk	Mitigating Actions	Implement Yes/No	By whom	When
Risk of Covid 19 transmission through coughing/sneezing/air borne droplets	4. Limit number of children on any one piece of equipment to two at a time.	Yes - Parental responsibility. Parish Council cannot monitor.	Parents & carers	During each visit.
	5. Tie off adjacent swings	No - children may untie the swings or use them anyway or come in family groups.	N/A	N/A
	6. Ask families waiting to enter the Play Area to take care to remain social distancing if there is a queue.	Yes	Parents & carers	During each visit.
	7. Implement a one way system round the Play Area	No - cannot be monitored	N/A	N/A
	8. Check if any pieces of equipment are closer than 2 metres to each other and consider taping off if not practical to relocate them.	No - most require specialist or lifting equipment to move.	N/A	N/A
	9. Display signs to remind parents and users to respect social distancing, not to touch face & to cough or sneeze into a tissue	Yes	CLlr Griffiths & Butcher	Before 4 July + check weekly thereafter
	10. Mandate use of face coverings	No. These are not applicable for children under 3 & may pose a safety risk if caught on equipment.	Parental choice.	During each visit.
Risk of Covid transmission if Play Area used by an infected person	1. Nobody showing any symptoms of Covid 19 should use the Play Area.	Yes	Parents & carers	During each visit.
	2. Nobody who has been advised that they have been in contact with an infected person should use the Play Area for 14 days.	Yes		
Risk of accident due to poor state of repair of playground equipment.	1. Parish Council to check safety of all equipment.	Yes	CLlrs Butcher & Cole	Before 4 July + monthly thereafter.
	2. Ensure major ROSPA recommendations implemented.	Yes	CLlrs Butcher & Cole	Before 4 July
	3. Lay grass matting around the roundabout (minor ROSPA item)	Yes	CLlrs Butcher & Cole	In July