**WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**COVID-19 Specific - Play Area Risk Assessment (Cowrakes Recreational Ground)**

**COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways and is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. The symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal.**

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| **What are the hazards?** | **Who might be harmed** | **Controls Required** | **Additional Controls** | **Action by who?** | **Action by when?** | **Done** |
| **Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)** | * **Employees** * **Children** * **Vulnerable groups – elderly, those with existing underlying health conditions** * **Anyone else who physically comes in contact with the play equipment and/or Outside gym equipment** | **Cleaning**  Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use is desirable. Parents, Guardians and users of the equipment should be encouraged to clean the equipment before and after use by way of signage  **Social Distancing**  Social Distancing - Reducing the number of people to allow a distance of 2 metres, where possible, as recommended by the Public Health Agency  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>  **Wearing of Face Masks**  Should be encouraged but would be difficult to police  **Signage**  To advise parents and users that the equipment needs to be sanitised before and after use.  Reminder regarding socially distancing.  **Booking system**  Instigate a booking system for the equipment – only feasible if the equipment is under total control/supervision of council i.e. an indoor play area  **One Way System**  Consideration should be given to installing a one way system around the equipment if this is feasible  **Refuse**  Increase the number of refuse collections (or increase the number of receptacles) to ensure that there are adequate facilities for people to dispose of their litter | Signage displayed.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>  Regular system of cleaning not feasible by the Council but users encouraged to wipe down any surfaces and ensure they wash their hands/use sanitiser after using the equipment and not to touch their face etc  Signage installed asking people to adhere to social distancing rules otherwise closure has to be considered.  Only 1 parent in attendance where possible  Not mandatory for an outdoor activity with little prolonged face to face contact and not practical for young children  Use of “CORONAVIRUS” signs to remind users that the virus is still active and to follow rules regarding cleaning/social distancing etc.  Not feasible for an outdoor open public playpark  Not feasible due to a lack of two entry/exit points  Adequate litter bins on site. Food and drink not to be consumed on site (signage) | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  N/A  N/A  Clerk | Signage in place  /07/20  Signage in place  /07/20  N/A  Signage in place /07/20  N/A  N/A  Signage /07/20 |  |

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