

WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT

OPENING OF THE RECREATION GROUND AND POND GREEN PLAY AREA

Following guidance from the Government, Wicken Parish Council will open the playground on Pond Green and the play equipment and outdoor gym on the Recreation Ground in Chapel Lane on Saturday 4th July 2020. This risk assessment covers the potential risks and the mitigation for those risks.

As well as the current social distancing guidance, the Parish Council have considered the guidance from the following government document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms>

RECREATION GROUND

Potential Risk	Areas to be considered	Actions to minimise risks	Action completed by
Contraction of COVID-19 by members of the public. Not following current government guidance for use of play equipment	Entrance/exit of the recreation ground. The rec has 4 entrances/exits two of these are kissing gates.	Signs have been placed at entrances/exits reminding members of the public to keep to social distancing rules.	Clerk
	Drinking facilities and washing facilities	The pavilion will remain locked. The outside tap has been turned off and taped. Signs have been put up reminding members of the public to wash their hands when they get home	Clerk
	Cleaning	The Parish Council and Recreation Committee will not clean the equipment. Users are asked to clean the equipment prior to and after use particularly where there are touch points. Users of the gym are asked to bring their own towel and hygiene products to wipe down the equipment prior and after use.	
	Use of MUGA	The gate has been opened and securely fastened for non-contact entry.	

	Teenage zone	This area is open. Social distancing reminder has been attached to the area A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk
	Zip-wire	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk
	Roundabout	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk
	Climbing frame and slide	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk
	Nest Swing	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk
	Outdoor gym Closed for current lockdown.	The distance between equipment is less than 2 metres but equipment cannot be moved. Equipment is over 1 metre and therefore is within the current social distancing guidelines. A social distancing reminder has been attached to the MUGA wall in the gym area. Separate guidelines for the use of the outdoor gym have been place on the website and Facebook and a copy of the guidelines attached to the MUGA wall next to the gym. When closed due to Government guidelines the equipment will be taped off and a notice put on Facebook	Clerk
	Balance Beams	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk

POND GREEN PLAY AREA

Potential Risk	Areas to be considered	Actions to minimise risks	Action completed by
Contraction of COVID-19 by members of the public. Not following current government guidance for use of play equipment	Entrance/exit of the recreation ground. The play area has 2 entrances	Signs have been placed at entrances/exits reminding members of the public to keep to social distancing rules. The decision to secure the gates open (to avoid touching) has been made for safety reasons	Clerk

	Number of Users	A request has been made that only one family member accompanies a child.	Clerk
	Cleaning	The Parish Council will not be responsible for cleaning. Users are asked to use hand sanitiser or wipes and to clean the equipment before and after use paying attention to touch points.	Clerk
	Slide	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk
	Climbing frame and slide	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk
	Spring Toys	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook	Clerk
	Twister	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook.	Clerk
	Swings	A reminder of social distancing has been put on the website and Facebook. A reminder that only two people within the same household can use the double swing at the same time has been put on Facebook and the website.	Clerk

Use of Outdoor Gym

- Social distancing of 2 metres must be adhered to where possible but rules of at least 1 metre **must** be followed
- Please use your own towels and hygiene products to wipe down equipment before and after use
- Please ensure you sanitise when you leave