

Mollington Playgrounds Risk Assessment July 2020

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Score	Mitigation (see notes below)	Likelihood after mitigation	Score
Exposure to coronavirus	3	3	9	Provide advice to users in the form of a notice	3	9
Safety of equipment	3	3	9	Routine safety inspections to be carried out. Annual safety check with plan mitigation for high risks identified. Management of the playground surface.	2	6
Safety of inspectors	3	3	9	Use of appropriate PPE when carrying out inspections	1	3

Notes

1. Risk assessment is based on a scale of 1-5 for both impact and likelihood. Multiply together to create the risk score.
2. Mitigation cannot remove the risk but reduces the likelihood of it occurring.
3. Impact for children is less severe than for elderly and vulnerable adults. The impact is therefore likely to be 2-3.
4. Likelihood is considered to be 3 based on the Government alert level of 3 indicating that the virus is in general circulation.
5. The only way to create a zero score is to remove the risk entirely by closing the playing fields. This is outweighed by the benefit to children and the community at large of the playing fields being opened and equipment available for use.
6. Options for mitigation are set out in the Government's guidance for managing playgrounds and gyms and social distancing guidance.
7. The Parish Council have considered options such as hand hygiene and restricting numbers using the equipment but are unable to enforce these as we do not employ people to provide this service.
8. Mitigation therefore must be the responsibility of users and parents. Notices will be put up to remind people of the Government's guidance for managing playgrounds and gyms and social distancing guidance.
9. If the level of coronavirus in the general population or indeed Cherwell District increases then local closures may need to be considered.