



Re-opening of Outdoor Gym Equipment – Dale Crescent, Fernwood

Adopted by Fernwood Parish Council on July 20th 2020

Risk Assessment

The Government recently announced that Play Parks could be re-opened on 4 July 2020 and subsequently produced guidance offering “practical advice on how these can be reopened and managed effectively to enable their use while minimising the transmission risk of COVID-19”. The guidance is available at:

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

The guidance includes a requirement to “carry out an appropriate COVID-19 risk assessment”. It is made very clear that “Failure to complete a risk assessment which takes account of COVID-19, or completing a risk assessment but failing to put in place sufficient measures to manage the risk of COVID-19, could constitute a breach of health and safety law”. On that basis, this Risk Assessment takes each of the Key Principles as set out in the guidance and assesses whether or not practical arrangements can be put in place in the context of the gym equipment on Dale Crescent green.

Key Principle	Government Guidance	Assessment	Conclusion
General Maintenance Issues following Lockdown	Ensure equipment is safe to use and that risks from damaged or defective equipment are addressed before opening.	Caretaker has done the weekly checks throughout lockdown. Annual checks being organised	Ready to go 4/7/20
Social Distancing	Put in place measures to support social distancing – 2m or 1m plus risk mitigations. Examples given include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit number of users at any one time • Booking system 	Signage advising users to maintain social distancing	Will be ready to go 4/7/20

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory signage • Create waiting areas with barriers 		
Cleaning and Hygiene	<p>Clean high traffic touch points frequently. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Play Equipment • Seating Areas • Refuse Bins <p>In addition, use signage to encourage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users to clean equipment before and after use • Use of hand sanitiser and frequent hand washing <p>Where practicable, provide hand sanitiser or hand washing facilities at entry and exit points.</p>	<p>Signage to be used to advise:</p> <p>'Maintain social distancing on the gym equipment</p> <p>Take it in turns and wait until the equipment becomes free to use</p> <p>Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose or mouth</p> <p>Wash hands or use an alcohol based hand sanitiser immediately before and after using the gym equipment</p> <p>The gym equipment is inspected regularly but it is not sanitised. This area is used at your own risk'</p> <p>Caretaker to clean the equipment weekly</p>	<p>Will be ready to go 4/7/20</p> <p>(temporary laminated signs, permanent signs on order)</p>
Face Coverings	If possible, a face covering should be worn in enclosed	N/A – not enclosed	Will be ready to go 4/7/20

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	public spaces where social distancing isn't possible and where the public may come into contact with people they do not normally meet. (Face coverings should not be used by children under the age of 3 or those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly).	Sign says ' If the gym equipment is busy, come back later '	(temporary laminated signs, permanent signs on order)
Additional Measures and Communicating with Parents	<p>Promote responsible behaviour by children, parents, carers and guardians. For example, owners and operators should consider putting up signs to make clear to users, parents, guardians and carers that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consumption of food or drink on play equipment or in the playground area is banned • parents, guardians or carers should dispose of all litter including any used protective wear such as face coverings or gloves properly in litter bins, taking it home where a bin is not provided. 	Sign says ' PUT ALL WASTE IN THE BIN '	<p>Will be ready to go 4/7/20</p> <p>(temporary laminated signs, permanent signs on order)</p>
Keeping Staff Safe	Consider the risks staff may be exposed to and how these	Caretaker has been provided with PPE - gloves	Ready 4/7/20

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	<p>can be mitigated. Staff roles may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cleaning playground equipment/surrounding areas • managing queues of those waiting to use equipment • stewarding equipment to ensure users comply with rules made by the owner/operator 		

Conclusions

Outdoor gym equipment can be used on Dale Crescent from 4/7/20. Clear signage to be in place to explain what is required of users. See signage – page 5.

Risk Assessments undertaken by Clerk with consultation of the Councillors.

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