

Swallow and Cuxwold covid-19 risk assessment for play parks

The aim of this risk assessment is to try and identify the risks that the play parks in our control may have in aiding the spread of covid-19, and therefore to reduce the risk as much as possible in an unsupervised environment. Covid-19 can remain on surfaces which are visibly contaminated with body fluids and all potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as handles and grab rails. The risk of contamination is significantly reduced after 72 hours and, also, by the action of sunlight and rain. Therefore, the spread of covid-19 can be significantly reduced by the cleaning of any surface to be touched and by sanitising hands after touching surfaces.

In this document the following risk score will be used to try and identify risks:

0	No risk at all
1	V
2	V
3	V
4	V
5	Some risk but unlikely
6	V
7	V
8	V
9	V
10	Very high risk

Swallow Village

Entrances and Exits

Now

At the moment, there are two gates allowing access to the play area. There is a possibility of people meeting at close distance using them and the risk of touching gate handles. **RISK 9**

After

Make one gate an entrance and one gate an exit. Users will be advised to bring their own sanitisers and use it to sanitise their hands after touching anything. **RISK 2**

Play Equipment



Small children swings

Now

People from two non-family groups could use at the same time. Contact with surfaces, one point of contact on red swing to operate safety lock **RISK 9**

After

Only one family group within the Framed Area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 5.**



SMALL SEESAW

Now

Two non-family members could use at the same time. Contact with surfaces **RISK 8**

After

Only one family group within the Framed Area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 3**



ROUND ABOUT

Now

Non-family members could use at the same time. Contact with surfaces **RISK 8**

After

Only one family group within the area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 3**



Small Slide

Now

Contact with surfaces, **RISK 7**

AFTER

Only one family group within the area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 2**



Large seesaw

Now

Two non-family members could use at the same time. Contact with surfaces **RISK 8**

After

Only one family group within the area. Add notice advising users to clean equipment and sanitise their hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 2**



SMALL ROCKERS

Now

Contact with surfaces, **RISK 7**

After

Only one family group within the area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 2.**



BASKET SWING

Now

Two non-family members could use at the same time. Contact with surfaces hands and face
RISK 10

After

Remove from use as it is too difficult to clean. **RISK 0**



LARGE SWINGS

Now

People from two non-family groups could use at the same time. Contact with surfaces. **RISK 8**

After

Only one family group within the Framed Area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 2.**



HAND CAROUSEL

Now

Two non-family members could use at once, Contact with surfaces **RISK 8**

After

Only one family group within the area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 2**



LARGE SLIDE

Now

Contact with surfaces, multiple use groups from non-family **RISK 8**

After

Only one family group within the area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. Not easy to clean **RISK 3**



ROTATING CLIMBING FRAME

Now

Two non-family members could use at once, Contact with surfaces **RISK 9**

After

Only one Family group at a time. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 6**



ADULT EQUIPMENT

Now

Contact with surfaces **RISK 8**

After

Add notice advising users to clean equipment and sanitise their hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 2.**



FOOTBALL GOALS

Now

Non-family members could use at once, Contact with surfaces **RISK 5**

After

Only one family group per goal, not mixed family football, use own ball not others **RISK 1**



BENCHES

Now

Could be used with non-family members, contact with surfaces **RISK 8**

After

One family group only. Add notice advising adults to clean chair and sanitise their own and children's hands before and after use. **RISK 2.**



PICNIC AREA

Now

Several non-family members could use these at the same time, contact with surfaces, eating food without washing hands **RISK 10**

After

Move one table, use by one family group only, Strictly NO food or drink allowed in park Area. Add notice advising users to clean facilities and their hands and children's before and after use of facility. **RISK 2**

Swallow play park summary

The Park is quite a large area with open space and the council will be monitoring usage of the park. Anyone who doesn't follow guidelines from both the local council and the government will be reported to the relevant authorities and the park will be closed.

Therefore, it is advised food and drink is not permitted in the park, due to contact with cross contamination.

Advising adults, carers, or guardians to sanitise their hands and their children's hands before and after touching anything, as well as bringing their own cleaning materials to clean equipment before and after use will all help to bring the risk numbers down and on a sunny day the numbers would be lower after taking into the account of U.V. rays.

If recommendations in this assessment are followed the risk can be greatly lowered but as a council, we will be relying on the public to follow instructions.

Cuxwold play area



SWINGS

Now

People from two groups could use at the same time, contact with surfaces. **RISK 8**

After

Only one family group within park area. Add notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use. **RISK 2.**

CUXWOLD PARK SUMMARY

Only one family group allowed in the play park at one time. A notice advising adults to clean equipment and sanitise children's hands before and after equipment use should reduce the risk level.