



Bean Recreation Ground, Junior Play Area COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Bean Parish Council own and manage Bean Recreation Ground, which consists of Junior Play Area, Toddler Play Area, Outdoor Gym and an open grassed area used for football and other ball games. This RA concerns the Junior Play Area.


Bean Parish Council has volunteers who carry out weekly visual inspections of the equipment and empty the litter bins. General repairs are carried out by the Parish Handyman or when required an approved play-ground equipment supplier. The grass is cut and strimmed under an annual contract with Yeomans (Landscape Services). Play Inspection carry out quarterly inspections including risk assessments.


Risks are associated with all users and contractors.

The risk rating balances the likelihood of a given risk with impact of the risk in question and results in an overall risk rating, as well as a RED (not acceptable), AMBER (reasonably acceptable/action may be required), GREEN (reasonable acceptable/no action required, review) colour indication.

		Likelihood			
		1 Unlikely	2 Possible	3 Probable	4 Highly Probable
Impact	1 Minor				
	2 Moderate				
	3 Serious				
	4 Major				

SUBJECT	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Rating	Controls Measures in place now	Future potential Control Measures	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Rating	Responsibility (if in place)
									Assessment of potential Control Measure
	Current Rating			Resulting Rating					
Trips, slips and falls	2	2	4	Weekly visual checks by NCC	Grass cutting to be carried out regularly	2	1	2	BPC/Yeomans
	2	1	2	Quarterly Inspection and RA by Play Inspection	Ownership signage for reports to be made	2	1	2	BPC
Contact with sharp objects and/or drug paraphernalia, broken glass	3	2	6	Weekly visual checks by BPC	Daily checks could be considered	3	1	3	BPC
	2	1	2		Ownership signage for reports to be made	2	1	2	

Spread of Covid-19 and other contact transmitted diseases	3	3	9	Play Area is currently closed, removing the risk completely.					BPC
				<p>Example</p> 	<p>Encourage social distancing by installing signage on entry to the play area that depicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One child on one piece of equipment at a time - One child only on each section of the climbing frame - Not to enter if social distancing cannot be adhered to. - To maintain 1-metre social distancing. - Avoid using benches that are already in use 	3	2	6	BPC
				Example, other warnings/images are	<p>Reduce the risk of cross-contamination by installing signage on entry to the play area that depicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good hand hygiene. - Catching coughs and sneezes and disposing of tissue. - Using the litter bins. 	3	2	6	BPC

				<p>recommended.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No eating/drinking. - Not entering play area if unwell or have prescribed symptoms of Covid-19. - Washing hands when returning home. - Advising that play equipment is not sanitised, users should consider wiping down surfaces. <p><i>The provision of hand sanitiser has been discounted due to the risks associated with alcohol-based products in a play setting.</i></p>				
					<p>Could consider daily cleaning of all equipment, but risk would remain the same between each user.</p>	3	2	6	BPC
					<p>With the control measures suggested, the risk factor could be greater reduced if adherence to signage could be properly monitored and enforced.</p>	3	1	3	BPC

Risk assessment carried out by Cllrs. Impiazzi and Munday on 6th July 2020, following site visit and review of available information. The wearing of face masks in a play setting is not safe, children will shout, will face each other, and generally socially distancing will be an issue.

Hand sanitiser that is effective against covid-19 is not suitable for use in a children's setting.