

Adult Gym and Teen scene

(This is the area based in the field)

This report has been written based upon the specific playgrounds and outdoor gym government advice provided on the 4th July 2020. Any material changes to this advice after this date may change the findings of the report.

Background

The government took the decision due to the pandemic classification of the virus, Covid-19, to considerably limit the scope of activities that residents of England could undertake on March 21, 2020 (Lockdown). At this time, the adult gym and teen scene operated by the parish council were closed and have remained so.

On June 23, the government announced during its phased return to the “new normal” that playgrounds and outdoor gyms could potentially open on July 4, 2020. The government advice (link below) was subsequently made available on June 26 2020 leaving owners of playground and outdoor gyms 5 working days in which to comply by updating general risk assessments, completing any relevant maintenance and carrying out a Covid-19 specific risk assessment against the new guidelines.

Government Guidance

The full guidance issued June 26, 2020 is available on the link below.

<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 states “Owners and operators need to consider the unique make up of their playground/outdoor gym when conducting a risk assessment and putting in place measures to enable the effective management of the playground/outdoor gym to minimise COVID-19 transmission risk”. This risk report assesses the gym and teen scene situated in the field.

Whilst the guidance itself is non-statutory, it includes key principles for safely reopening upon which the following risk assessment has been carried out.

Key for risk assessment: **PR** = Probability; **IM** = Impact; **R** = Risk
Probability and Impact assessed - 1 (low) to 5 (high) and Risk = PR x IM
Risk scores: 1-5 **GREEN**; 6 – 10 **AMBER**; 11 – 25 **RED**
Mitigations = those detailed in the government publication

Principles	Risks	Assessment			Mitigation	Re-Assessment			Analysis / Conclusion
		PR	IM	R		PR	IM	R	
<p>To assess and manage the risk of potential COVID-19 transmission by reducing social interaction between people and promoting Social Distancing.</p> <p>Put in place measures to support social distancing – 2m or 1m plus risk mitigations.</p>	<p>Covid-19 is spread through touch contact.</p>	4	4	16	Put up advisory signage	1	4	4	<p>Suitable signage is available in visual design.</p> <p>Still requires compliance to be effective however as this area is for over 13-year olds, it is reasonable to assume signage is understood.</p> <p>Users not adhering with clear signage proceed then at their own risk.</p>
					Introduce a clearly marked one-way system around the fixtures/ machines, to help prevent users from coming into close contact with each other	1	3	3	
					Where machines and equipment are less than 2 metres apart pieces of equipment should be moved to allow social distancing measures to be adhered to if possible. If not possible, 1 metre distance with risk mitigation is acceptable			NA	
<p>Additional mitigations recommended with the use of signage.</p>	<p>Signage will be mostly ignored by users and not mitigate any risk</p>	4	4	16	Signage for the cleaning of equipment by users , parents, guardians, and carers. Particularly where there are clear touch points such as handles or exercise bars.	2	2	4	<p>Implementing signage is possible.</p> <p>Adherence to signage is subject to users, parent and guardians taking the time to review the signage and to moderate behaviour accordingly.</p> <p>Only additional resource to monitor and manage would mitigate the risk fully.</p>
					Signage encouraging outdoor gym users to bring their own hygiene products and wipe down equipment after use				
					Signage encouraging parents to bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean their children's hands				
					Signage to encourage hand hygiene including washing/sanitising hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds, particularly at the beginning and end of play.				
					Signage to advise users (or parents of users) not to touch their faces, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue or arm when a tissue is not available.				

					Signage to remind adults and children no to put their hands in their mouths			
					Signage promoting and reminding users, parents, guardians, and carers of the need for social distancing	2	2	4
Risk / Mitigation Review and Final Recommendation								
Consider the control measures proposed to mitigate the risks.	Failure to comply with the mitigations used to allow the adult gym and teen scene to open, such as: one-way system, signage, adherence to new regulations and rules, cleaning, and personal protection equipment.	4	4	16	Initial safety inspection to ensure all equipment operates safely. Signage as shown below informing users of their risk and responsibilities. Clearly marked one-way system in place. No pieces of equipment closer than 2 metres. Cleaning on a regular basis by spraying by Park Team with a virucidal cleaner.	2	2	4
								Mitigations allow for this area to be opened once in place.

Recommendation

Outdoor gyms provide users with the opportunity to exercise and improve their physical and mental health. The government guidance provided practical advice on how these can be reopened and managed effectively to enable their use while minimising the transmission risk of COVID-19.

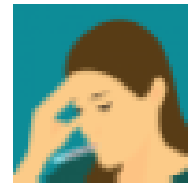
This risk report addresses in full the risk associated with “Failure to complete a risk assessment which takes account of COVID-19, or completing a risk assessment but failing to put in place sufficient measures to manage the risk of COVID-19, could constitute a breach of health and safety law” as detailed on the government website.

In keeping with the council insurers (Hiscox) statement that all “reasonable” actions should be taken and that the government advice and requirements should be adhered to as a minimum, it is the assessment at this time that the Adult Gym and Teen Scene can be **re-opened in a manner which addresses the risks** as detailed.

OUTDOOR GYM AND TEEN SCENE IS FOR AGE 13 AND OVER

THIS GUIDANCE **MUST** BE FOLLOWED WHEN VISITING THE OUTDOOR GYM AND TEEN PLAYGROUND

Do not use the outdoor gym if you have symptoms of coronavirus, or if you, or any of your household are self-isolating.



Follow current social distancing guidelines and **keep 2m apart**. If this is not possible you are recommended to use face coverings.

Please use the equipment in the direction of the signs.

If the gym and teen scene is busy please come back later.

Only 1 person on each item at a time and only 1 family member to accompany young adults.



Catch any coughs or sneezes in a tissue and remember not to touch your face or put your mouth on any of the equipment.

If wearing a face covering or other PPE please refer to the Government guidance on usage and dispose of this properly in the litter bins provided, or by taking it home.

No food or drink to be consumed in the gym or teen scene area.



This equipment is **NOT** sanitised.

You are recommended to sanitise the equipment prior to use, especially high touch areas such as handles or exercise bars and seating.

The council will spray high touch areas with disinfectant liquid when possible.

We hope you enjoyed your visit and remember - Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, before and after using items of equipment.



This guidance is based on the Government's guidelines
For more information go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Any enquiries please contact the Parish Council on 01344 874258.

