

# Risk assessment for Hazard: Coronavirus (COVID19) Playground

## – Park Members/Customers/Visitors/Members of the Public/Delivery Drivers

Company name: **R Barber & Son (Trading as New Barns Caravan Park)**

Date of risk assessment: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Impact of Hazard: Although for most people COVID-19 causes only mild illness, it can make some people very ill. More rarely, the disease can be fatal. Older people, and those with pre-existing medical conditions (such as high blood pressure, heart problems or diabetes) appear to be more vulnerable. It is the responsibility of R Barber & Son to take every reasonable precaution to prevent the spread of COVID19 to anyone visiting or working in the Playground area whether they be a customer, employee or sub-contractor. This risk assessment will focus on actions that R Barber & Son must take in order to prevent the spread of the virus to anyone playing or working on the playground. How does this virus spread? Data from published epidemiology and virologic studies provide evidence that COVID-19 is primarily transmitted from symptomatic people to others who are in close contact through respiratory droplets, by direct contact with infected persons, or by contact with contaminated objects and surfaces; although the BMJ have sited that evidence of transmission of COVID does not seem to be via contaminated objects; in the main contact with infected persons through respiratory droplets. (ref: BMJ 2021;373:n913)

The playground is used by park members and their visitors and customers of the café. The area is also maintained by employees of the business and Playdale (when they conduct playground equipment checks and replace/install any playground equipment). All park members and visitors are asked to comply with Track and Trace procedures as per the Park COVID risk assessment. All café visitors and sub-contractors are asked to comply with Track and Trace procedures as per the Cafe COVID risk assessment. The business does not have the means to man the playground on a continuous basis and so will need to adopt measures in order to prevent any spread of the virus. The risk of COVID transmission whilst using the playground is thought to be low as the playground is outside by the coast – any infected air droplets are likely to be blown away. In order to reduce any residual possibility of COVID Transmission the business will undertake the following actions as per the risks assessed below:

Activities/Areas to Examine which may spread virus	Sources of infection?	How can named group be protected by this source of infection?	Action, Training and PPE required	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Transmission – airborne droplets (via anyone visiting that is unaware they have COVID)	Visitors/employees (from anyone who is unaware they are infected also using the facility).	<p>Visitors are asked not to use the playground if they have been infected with COVID in the previous 14 days.</p> <p>Visitors are asked to keep socially distant whilst using the equipment.</p> <p>Visitors are asked to follow one way systems to prevent transmission of COVID when entering and leaving the playground.</p>	<p>A poster will be displayed stating the following:  <b>Playing COVID safe at New Barns (playground and 5-aside football) When the café is closed only Park Members &amp; their guests may use these facilities.</b></p> <p>Please follow our guidelines in order to stay COVID safe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not use the playground if you are suffering from COVID 19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID 19 within the last 14 days.</li> <li>Children must be supervised at all times by parents; it is the responsibility of parents to ensure they and their children stay COVID safe when using these facilities. Please ensure you and your children sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the play areas.</li> <li>Please follow the one-way system for entering and leaving the play area.</li> <li>If the area is busy come back later.</li> <li>Do not eat, drink vape or smoke in the play area.</li> <li>Stay safe by staying apart whilst waiting to use equipment.</li> <li>Only one household or bubble per piece of equipment e.g. climbing frame, roundabout, swings.</li> <li>Bring your own sanitiser to clean your hands before and after using equipment.</li> <li>Avoid touching your face. Wash your hands with soap and warm water as soon as you can</li> </ul>	R Smith	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (re-opening of playground)	Actioned

Transmission – airborne droplets (via anyone visiting that is unaware they have COVID)	Visitors/employees (from anyone who is unaware they are infected also using the facility).	Visitors are asked to keep socially distant whilst using the equipment – ensuring that this is supported where possible by temporary withdrawal of equipment that breaches the social distancing rule	1 swing and 1 cradle swing to be taken down in order to support social distancing  Install one way system for entering and exiting the park (measure half point on access pathway – purchase posts and rope – create 2 routes – one for entrance and one for exit with signage to show all users which way to go when entering/leaving the park	D Barber/ R Smith	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (re-opening of playground).	Actioned  Actioned
Transmission – surfaces that may be contaminated with COVID droplets.	Visitors/employees using and working on the facility	Although this risk is thought to be minimal (see reference to BMJ above) the business can protect users by installing a hand-sanitiser station at the entry point of the playground so that anyone using the facility can sanitise their hands on entry and exit from the park.  Ask users of the playground to carry their own sanitiser so that they can spray/clean their hands/childrens' hands whilst using the equipment.	Purchase a suitable high visibility hand sanitiser station that looks appealing to children.  Install with fixings the sanitiser station by the entrance to the playground.  Ensure that the hand sanitiser station is on the daily check lists respective to re-filling the sanitiser.  Make all café staff aware of where the key is to the station and provide training in how to replace the sanitiser.  Include this requirement on the signage as you enter the playground.	R Smith  D Barber  A Cooper  R Smith/A Cooper  R Smith	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (re-opening of playground)	Actioned  Actioned  Actioned  Actioned
Transmission – surfaces that may be contaminated with COVID droplets.	Visitors/employees using and working on the facility	To coat all surfaces of the playground with the anti-microbial coating, which has been tested in laboratory conditions and proven to eradicate the COVID virus in air droplets that land on coated surfaces. The application of the anti-microbial coating will last for 30 – 60 days at a 96% efficacy rate; thereby eradicating the need for COVID specific deep cleaning.	The business will spray all the playground surfaces – specifically high touch points with the anti-microbial coating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swing seats and chains</li> <li>• Rocker seats and handles and heads of animals</li> <li>• Cradle swing</li> <li>• The rope swing handle and seat</li> <li>• The slide and handles to the infant/junior climbing frame</li> <li>• All touch points for the large equipment including (handle bars, climbing wall noggins, tops of frames, slide, inside cylinder, benches)</li> <li>• Five-aside football goals</li> <li>• All gate latches and fencing</li> <li>• All tables nearby the play area.</li> </ul> To test the coating applied on the surfaces in line with the training received by the Nordichem.	R Smith          R Smith	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021          On-going subsequent to application	Actioned          On-going

This risk assessment will be reviewed if we think it is no longer valid or there are further changes respective to COVID19 government regulations.

**Notes:**

The assembly point for customers/employees is currently in the 5 Aside football field.