

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

PARISH COUNCIL FACILITIES/SPORTS FIELDS/PLAYGROUND

Facilities are currently closed to users as per the Regulations to prevent persons without a specific purpose and without authority from the Clerk to the Council from entering the premises; as a result, sporting clubs and groups resuming training and other activities must be mindful of this.

The Council is aware that sporting bodies, affiliations and groups are advising their members that they can resume training/activities and have forwarded guidance to their member clubs and groups as to how to carry this out.

Following the outbreak, the Council must ensure the highest standards of health and safety are maintained and that the risk to all those using the sites is minimised/eradicated as far as is reasonably deemed possible as well as adhering to any current government guidance and/or following sporting affiliation guidance on how to train safely. If it is not deemed possible to minimise those risks to an acceptable level then the facilities may remain closed for formal training and sports postponed until such time as social distancing and hygiene requirements can be met safely and robustly.

The playing fields are a public open space; therefore, the council has to be mindful of users of the playing fields as well as the sports teams and clubs resuming activities.

It is not feasible for Darenth Parish Council to provide the following:

- Provision of stewards
- Arrange a booking system
- Clean equipment daily
- Provide cleaning equipment/hand washing facilities

Darenth Parish Council will carry out the following in relation to the re-opening of the Playground equipment –

- Arrange for an early RoSPA inspection of the play and gym equipment and react to any adverse reports arising from those inspections
- Carry out Risk Assessments prior to opening, including COVID-19 risk identification
- Produce any required signage

The Risk Assessment will be shown to all organised groups and clubs utilising the sports facilities/pitches – the Risk Assessment set by the Council is non-negotiable although the Council welcomes constructive solutions/suggestions at any time. A current copy of the Assessment will be displayed on the Council

website. The Council will review the risk assessment of a monthly basis during the COVID-19 crisis and until such a time as there are no restrictions on every day activities – as dictated by the Government guidance.

It should be noted that the Council reserve the right to stop users who do not adhere to Government guidance as it may be amended from time to time. The Council must be satisfied that the risks as highlighted below can be mitigated continuously – if not, then the playing field will be closed for organised sporting activities as will playground equipment (as far as is possible) with immediate effect and possibly until such time as the risk can be mitigated/eradicated. The Council has a duty of care to all users.

The Council's facilities are not permanently manned and so operating is on a trust basis. Failure to comply with the actions/measures within this Risk Assessment may result in the facility being locked-down due to the risk to health and peoples' lives or clubs/persons being denied access.

Risk Levels are graded 1-5 with 5 being 'High Risk' and 1 being 'Low Risk'

Area	Activity	Risk Level	Risk to Whom	Action	Responsibility	Complete/Date
Play Equipment	Children playing	3	Children and families	Scientific advice suggests that the COVID-19 viruses can survive for up to several days on some hard surfaces. The risks are reduced when outdoors, where surfaces may be subject to UV light and/or rain. Users do so at their own risk. Signs to be erected	Council/parents/young people	Complete
Hall Facilities	Groups	3	Organiser	Facilities and surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned following each visit by a member of the Parish Council's team. Activity organisers are requested to follow Government guidance regarding easing of next steps. Measures for hand hygiene and face coverings are a matter for the group organiser to arrange and users do so at their own risk	Council/organiser	
Football Pitches	Training/Matches	3	Players/Coaches/parents/Spectators	Training must follow sporting affiliation guidelines (no exceptions on numbers; groups must train separately and distanced; parental presence will be limited to 1 parent per child and social distancing required at all times; First Aid equipment must be on hand at all times and one identified First Aider with PPE; clubs must provide risk	Club Captains/Managers/parents/children/spectators	

				assessments and must seek and be granted written permission from the Council to commencing activities regardless of FA guidance. The Council bears no responsibility for issues arising from the resumption of training or matches		
Cricket Pitch/Outfield	Training/ Games	3	Players/Coaches/ parents/Spectators	Training must follow sporting affiliation guidelines (no exceptions on numbers; groups must train separately and distanced; parental presence will be limited to 1 parent per child and social distancing required at all times; First Aid equipment must be on hand at all times and one identified First Aider with PPE; clubs must provide risk assessments and must seek and be granted written permission from the Council to commencing activities regardless of ECB or KCB guidance. The Council bears no responsibility for issues arising from the resumption of training or matches	Club Captains/ Managers/parents/ children/spectators	
Toilets (Cricket/Football)	Toileting	5	All	Under no circumstances are players to toilet in the bushes due to safeguarding risks and public health issues. A Risk Assessment will be required from Clubs using the Pavilion facilities for emergencies only. The facilities will be cleaned once a week by the Council and hand sanitisers provided/ replaced as necessary	Club/Council	Complete
Soap/hand sanitisers	Hand washing	4	All	Clubs will be requested to ensure everyone sanitises their hands before commencing activities and afterwards. Clubs should provide hand sanitisers at all times.	Clubs	
COVID-19 Symptoms	See NHS Guidance for symptoms of COVID-19	5	All	Any person having access to the facilities who subsequently becomes aware of COVID-19 symptoms or interaction with persons having tested positive or with symptoms will be asked to notify the Council; Club Manager and the Government's Track and Trace scheme immediately. Signs will be displayed in the	All	

				Pavilion windows as a reminder of the symptoms of COVID-19		
First Aid Equipment	First Aid use	2	All	Clubs must ensure equipment is up to date and replenished as required	Clubs	