

# BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON Parish Council



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## Blythburgh Playsite: COVID-19 Risk assessment

The playsite is small with only one access.

It is situated at the top end of the Highfield cul de sac.

Blythburgh has a small and somewhat changeable population of children. The changeability of the population is due in large part to families using social housing within the village.

Blythburgh PC operates a rota system where the Councillors inspect the playsite on a weekly basis.

The play equipment is well spaced with the exception of the swings – 2 swings on the same frame.

Blythburgh Parish Council considered the main aspects of COVID-19 guidance and considers the risks of transmission at the playsite to be “small”. They do, however, retain the right to close the playsite should, in their judgement, the risk become significant.

Blythburgh Parish Council considered:

1. The need for a COVID-19 Risk Assessment (RA) approach is an absolute requirement. However, this RA considered the practicalities of operating an open use play facility.
2. Furthermore, Blythburgh Parish Council (as operator of this facility) made their own judgements on what is practical to implement whilst keeping the risk to a minimum

On this basis the following was considered and agreed as **not feasible** for BPC to provide:

- Provision of Stewards
- Arrange a booking system
- Relocate equipment for social distancing – most equipment is a suitable distance apart
- Clean equipment daily
- Provide cleaning equipment
- Create entrance and exits – our play area have only one gate

**BPC agreed to carry out the following in relation to the opening Playsite in light of COVID-19:**

1. Carry out Risk Assessments based on COVID-19 risks
2. Continue to carry out weekly safety checks on the site

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3. Produce signage to include the following points which users need to be aware of and comply with:

Playground COVID-19 scientific advice suggests that the COVID-19 virus 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. Whilst all possible practical measures have been put in place the user of this equipment does so at their own choice and risk.

- Please retain distancing from other users (e.g. when pushing swings) in accordance with Government advice
- Use of hand sanitiser, gel or wipes is advised when using the equipment
- When using equipment do not touch face
- Consumption of food and drink within play area is not permitted
- Please take litter home