

SHEPTON MALLET TOWN COUNCIL

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TOILETS IN COLLETT PARK DATED 30 JUNE 2020

The government recently announced that play parks could be re-opened on 4 July 2020 and subsequently produced guidance offering practical advice on how these can be reopening and managed effectively to enable their use while minimising the transmission of Covid 19. The guidance is available at:

<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 includes a requirement to carry out an appropriate Covid 19 risk assessment. It is made very clear that “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. On that basis, this risk assessment takes each of the key principles as set out in the guidance and assesses whether or not practical arrangements can be put in place in the context of the toilets in Collett Park.

KEY PRINCIPLE	GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE	ASSESSMENT	CONCLUSION
Allow for general maintenance following the period of closure: To ensure that equipment is safe to use and damaged or defective equipment is addressed before opening. To ensure that the surfaces are free from defects and hazards.	Ensure the toilets are in good condition, legionaries tests Hot water tests Hand dryer test	A thorough assessment has been undertaken, the relevant tests have been undertaken and the toilets can be opened.	The toilets can be opened.
Social Distancing	Put in place measures to support social distancing of 2m or 1m plus risk mitigations. Examples include: Limit number of users at any one time Erect advisory signage Create waiting areas with barriers	One of the urinals will be cordoned off to reduce traffic Ask people to queue outside Waiting area to be the other side of the path on the grass	Actioned Actioned with signage on floor and door Actioned with signage
Cleaning and Hygiene	Clean high traffic touch points frequently. This includes: Door handles Sinks Lavatories/Urinals	A new cleaning regime has been introduced and new opening hours: Deep clean at the end of each day for 1 hour,	Actioned and safe to implement Hand sanitiser to be replenished

	Dispensers	<p>Monday – Friday Opening 7am, closing at 3pm, followed by the clean</p> <p>Saturday 7am – 3.30pm</p> <p>Sunday 7a, - 11am. Deep Clean for Sunday will be completed on Monday morning</p> <p>A check on the facility in the middle of the Monday – Friday to sanitise major use areas.</p> <p>There is only one exit/entry point. A hand sanitiser has been provided on the outside of the park, hours of 7am – 4pm, but it will only be filled each morning</p>	<p>To display the cleaning schedule</p> <p>To note that there will be no hand sanitiser in situ on Sunday afternoon.</p>
Face Coverings	If possible, a face covering should be worn when social distancing is not possible and where the public may come into contact with people that they do not normally meet	Very difficult to administer and people will chose whether to wear a face covering or not	Not possible to implement.
Additional Measures	Promote responsible behaviour by children, parents, carers and guardians.	Most people will be responsible, but we will be unable to manage those who chose to flout any rules.	There has not been an issue in the past, and therefore it can be reasonable to assume that there will not be any behavioural issues when the parks do open.
Keeping staff safe	Consider the risks staff may be exposed to and how these can be mitigated	Staff wear gloves and can wear masks, and will be cleaning the facility while it is closed to the public	Actioned

Conclusions

The toilets are OK to open, once the signage is in place. To review on a weekly basis.

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