| **Consideration** | | **Possible measures** | **Actions** |
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| **Preparation** | Ensure playground equipment is safe to use and that risks from damaged or defective equipment are addressed before opening | Safety checks on sites before re-opening | Equipment in both Parks have been checked for safety by qualified inspectors |
| **Identification** | For owners / operators with multiple playgrounds.  Identify a programme for re-opening based on unique characteristics of the playground, for example size, location, likely footfall | * A list of parks and phased re-opening timetable * Communication with the community to explain rationale for the re-opening plan | Both Parks will open in line with Neath Port Talbot Council guidelines, 27th July 2020  Communications opportunities: -   * Signage at the parks * Local rules displayed on entry to park. * Website * Lianne’s Sunday live Facebook |
| **Social distancing** | Social distancing aims to reduce social interaction between people to minimise the opportunity for transmission of COVID-19, 2 meters is advised.  It should be acknowledged that adults and children with certain conditions will find social distancing difficult | Signage to   * Remind users to keep 2 metres apart * Suggest a maximum number of users * Suggest a maximum playing time during busy periods * Request that one 1 adult accompany younger children for supervision   Limiting number of seats or swings available to promote social distancing for parents, guardians or carers  Larger facilities may consider   * A queuing system and area * Booking system * Stewarding playgrounds or equipment | Signage on entry to the Parks remind users to adhere to social distancing guidelines  Multifunction equipment has maximum users displayed  Local guideline posted on all entrances to both parks.  Included in local guidelines  All two-bay swings have either had the swings removed or secured out of reach  Not applicable |
| **Cleaning and hygiene** | Scientific advice suggests that the virus can survive for up to several days on some hard surfaces, particularly when indoors. These risks are reduced when outdoors, where surfaces may be subject to UV light and/or rain. This guidance applies to outdoor playgrounds but the virus could survive long enough on frequently used/touched outdoor surfaces to facilitate transmission. | Signage to   * Encourage frequent and effective handwashing or sanitising by users, parents, guardians or carers. * Signpost nearest handwashing facilities * Indicate that the consumption of food or drink in the playground is not permitted. * Parents, guardians or carers should dispose of all litter properly in litter bins or taking it home where a bin is not provided. * Remind users of their own responsibilities in using the equipment.   Sufficient waste facilities and collection arrangements  Larger facilities may consider   * Cleaning regimes for high traffic touch points such as playground equipment, seating areas | Addressed by local guidelines signage.  Not applicable  Addressed by local guidelines signage.  Covered litter bines preventing them being used.  Local guidelines on entry to playgrounds.  Not applicable.  Not applicable. |
| **Communication** | Promoting responsible behavior by children, parents, carers in line with the social distancing and hygiene and cleaning considerations above through general channels  Ensuring clear and easy to understand messages if play spaces are opened in a phased way | On-site signage  Social media messages  Website | Signage. Local guidelines, Website. Lianne’s Sunday live Facebook.  Not applicable, both Parks will open at the same time |
| **Children with additional needs** | Issues that are likely to be specific to this group include:  * an understanding that many need frequent reminders about rules of behaviour in playground settings * changes to familiar environments are likely to require longer periods of adjustment * children with physical and sensory disabilities may need assistance with moving from one place to the next * some additional needs are not evident, such as hearing loss, and may therefore account for non-responsiveness to verbal instruction * queuing for apparatus or toilets can be a source of frustration, and the cause of agitation * at higher risk of being involved in bullying incidents | Include any relevant information in communication with parents  This information could be targeted at certain groups or individuals | Local guidelines cove this. Children with additional needs would be accompanied by a parent or carer who would be able to manage the child in line with appropriate instruction from signage and local rules. |
| **Keeping staff safe** | Staff roles will probably include:   * Waste collection * Maintenance and repair   For larger facilities staff roles could include   * cleaning playground equipment/surrounding areas * managing queues of those waiting to use equipment * stewarding equipment to ensure users comply with rules made by the owner/operator   Unless staff are in a situation where the risk of COVID-19 transmission is very high, risk assessments should reflect the fact that the role of PPE in providing additional protection is extremely limited. | Wearing gloves and/or apron for waste removal, cleaning or maintenance | Waste bins will be out of use therefore there will not be a requirement for collection.  If any equipment was in need of maintenance or repair, the contractor would need to provide a safe system of work in advance of starting. This would be assessed by committee to ensure that both parties understand their individual obligations to ensure that the work is carried out safely.  Not applicable. Our parks would not constitute a large facility |