**RE-OPENING PLANS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PLAY AREAS – OUTDOOR GYM**

The government public health guidelines are a considerable challenge not only to Castle Donington Parish Council but to all operators of these sort of facilities. The Parish Council also needs to be aware of its duty of care both to public and its staff.

The Parish Clerk is therefore recommending that a pragmatic approach with clear information to the public about risks.

These advisory statements are subject to the Parish Council’s insurance company agreeing:

**It is *NOT* feasible for Castle Donington Parish Council to provide the following:**

• Provision of Stewards

• Arrange a booking system

• Relocate equipment for social distancing

• Clean equipment daily

• Provide cleaning equipment

• Create entrance and exits – most play areas have only one gate

**Castle Donington Parish Council *WILL* carry out the following in relation to the re-opening of Play Areas and Open-Air Gyms:**

1. Carry out Risk Assessments including COVID-19 risks

2. Prior to opening carry out safety checks on all sites

3. Prior to opening arrange cleaning and repairs where necessary

4. Produce signage to include the following:

**Playground COVID-19 Signage**

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.

* Under 12 years only
* The maximum number of users will be proportionate to the size of the play area allowing adherence to Government Guidelines on Social Distancing
* 1 family member to accompany 1 child
* Please retain 2m social distance from other users e.g. pushing swings
* To enable as many children as possible to use the equipment please limit time in play areas, particularly, if you see others waiting to come in and you have been in for a period of time
* Please enter and leave play areas cautiously and appropriately adhering to Social Distance guidance
* Use of **user’s own 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 areas **is not permitted**
* Please use bins provided or take litter home

**Outdoor Gym COVID-19 Signage**

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* Please retain 2m social distance from other users
* To enable as many people as possible to use the equipment please limit use to 30 minutes
* Please use one-way system around equipment is preferable
* Use **of user’s hand sanitiser gel or wipes** is advised when using the equipment
* When using equipment do not touch face
* Users are encouraged to bring their own towel and hygiene products to wipe down equipment – please dispose of considerately
* Consumption of food and drink **is not permitted**
* Please use bins provided or take litter home