

Risk Assessment for Hanney Toddlers during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Date 17th April 2021

In order to control the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic that has been ongoing for the past 12 months, a third strict National Lockdown was imposed in January 2021. The Government began implementing a staged recovery and relaxation of social restrictions with the “Roadmap out of Lockdown” and Step 1 of the Roadmap commenced on 8th March. Step 2 was applied on-schedule on 12th April and this permits more social interactions - the “rule of six / two households” allowed outside, but also allows (with certain constraints) children’s activities and clubs to meet again, inside.

This Risk Assessment has been compiled with particular reference to the latest Government’s Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance (dated 16th April 2021) on local restrictions [1], social distancing [2] places of worship [3], the principles of safer singing [4] the Performing Arts sector [5] and it also calls on the guidance of the Early Years Alliance [6].

Group: Hanney Toddlers	Site: Hanney Chapel, East Hanney	
People at Risk: Staff and participants	Additional Information:	
Contact Person: Sara Dallyn	Job Title: Toddler Group Leader	Review Date: 17 th April 2021

Risk Evaluation

Hazard	Risk	Initial Risk Rating (L/M/H)	Control Measures	Final Risk Rating (L/M/H)
COVID-19	Infection with SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19 causing virus) from a symptomatic carrier	M	<p>Notify all participants that they are not to attend if they or anyone in their households are displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature • a new, continuous cough • a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste <p>or, if they live with someone who is exhibiting these symptoms, or, they have been advised by NHS Test & Trace to isolate at home.</p> <p>If a participant develops symptoms that could be indicative of COVID-19 they should immediately leave the event, go home and call NHS 111 for advice and to arrange for a COVID test. Cleaning, or bagging of any items which have been touched by that participant and that remain at the event must take place straightaway.</p>	L
COVID-19	Infection with SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19 causing virus) from an asymptomatic carrier	M	<p>Social distancing: separation of at least 2 metres should be adhered to between adults of different household / support bubbles. If such separation is not possible - and is less than 2m - then “1 metre plus” mitigation measures must be applied: such as not being in close contact face-to-face and / or the wearing of face coverings.</p> <p>Restrict the group size: We will have a limit of 15 adult attendees, plus helpers in the group. We will keep a written registration of participants. The list will be kept for at least 21 days to facilitate NHS Test and Trace, if requested.</p> <p>Good respiratory hygiene: using the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.</p> <p>Hand hygiene: sanitiser will be provided at the entrance and at various spots around the room for people to use when needed.</p>	L

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			<p>Food handling: Snacks and drinks will be prepared in the kitchen in a hygienic manner: those preparing food must wear a face mask and frequently wash their hands or wear gloves and avoid touching their face or other contaminates.</p> <p>Singing: No more than 6 adults (including the leader) should sing along with the children (under age 5).</p> <p>Ventilation: Windows will be opened before the session starts, and left open throughout the session.</p>	
COVID-19	Infection with SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19 causing virus) from contaminated surfaces or shared equipment	M	<p>Where activities involving crafts or instruments each family will have their own glue stick or instrument and they will be cleaned between each use.</p> <p>During snack time, individual bowls will be used for the children and adults will come to the hatch while maintaining a social distance to collect their snack and drink.</p> <p>Once the group session has ended, the toys will be stored and left unused until the next week so they will have had time for any potential viral infection to have died off. All other shared equipment and common touch points (e.g. chairs, toilets, door handles, light switches etc.) will be cleaned with appropriate domestic cleaning materials.</p>	L
Slips, trips & falls	With lots of toys and young children playing on the floor there is a possibility of an accident when moving about.	M	First Aid: the event should be attended by at least one trained 1 st Aider.	L

Date Risk Assessment completed: 17th April 2020 By whom: Sara Dallyn

Date of next review: (as Government Guidelines are updated)

- [1] High Alert guidelines <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know#high-alert>
- [2] Social distancing <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>
- [3] General COVID-19 guidelines <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december>
- [4] Guidelines for singing <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing>
- [5] Guidance for the Performing Arts <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>
- [6] Early Years Alliance <https://www.evalliance.org.uk/nurseries-childminders-reopen-coronavirus-lockdown>