

For Discussion: Re-opening the disabled toilet at Victory Fields and agreeing a cleaning regime for the Pavilion & toilets

Background

Pre-Covid the pavilion at Victory Field was: hired out on a regular basis by a yoga teacher; used at weekends during the football season by the football teams hiring the pitch and; on an ad-hoc basis hired for children's parties.

In addition, the disabled toilet at the pavilion was unlocked every morning and locked at night by the security company which also unlocks and locks the main gate to Victory Field.

Cleaning was carried out by Nigel Jefferies Landscapes Ltd on a weekly basis during the football season.

Current situation

During the Covid lockdown the pavilion was not available for hire and the disabled toilet remained locked. Currently the pavilion is being used for small yoga classes and the football season is about to re-start. Both organisations currently using the pavilion have been instructed to wipe down all surfaces with anti-bacterial wipes before vacating the building.

Future arrangements

The committee should consider how often the pavilion is to be cleaned, taking into consideration the government's guidelines in hiring out community facilities.

As playparks have re-opened the committee should consider whether the disabled toilet should be opened again and, if so, how frequently it is to be cleaned.

An excerpt from HMRC's Guidance publication regarding multi-purpose community facilities is attached.

Cleaning costs for the Pavilion are £50.00 per clean

Cleaning costs for the disabled toilet are £25.00 per clean

Excerpt from HMRC Publication: Guidance - COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

Updated 14 August 2020 Anyone with control of non-domestic premises (such as a community centre, village or community hall) has legal responsibilities under health and safety law, and must take reasonable measures to ensure the premises, access to it, and any equipment or substances provided are safe for people using it, so far as is reasonably practicable.

To help decide which actions to take prior to re-opening the building for permitted activity, a **COVID-19 risk assessment should be completed**, taking account of the core guidance on social distancing and the points set out below. This will be in addition to any risk assessment which is already in place for the community facility. See guidance on [completing a risk assessment](#).

Users and hirers of a community facility have responsibility for managing risks arising from their own activities when they have control of premises and should take account of any guidance relevant to their specific activity or sector.

2b: Cleaning

All surfaces, especially those most frequently touched, should be cleaned regularly, using standard cleaning products. If you are cleaning after a known or suspected case of COVID-19 then you should refer to the specific [guidance](#). See also [Waste Disposal \(in non-healthcare settings\) guidance](#) on how to dispose of face coverings and PPE in a business setting.

Sufficient time needs to be allowed for this cleaning to take place, particularly before reopening. Frequently used objects, surfaces or spaces, including for example doorways between outside and inside spaces should be given particular attention when cleaning.

Where possible, non-fire doors and windows should be opened to improve ventilation in the premises. Other measures that will usually be needed are:

- signs and posters to build awareness of good handwashing technique, the need to increase handwashing frequency, advice to avoid touching your face and to cough or sneeze into a tissue which is binned safely, or into your arm if a tissue is not available;
- providing hand sanitiser in multiple locations, such as reception areas, in addition to washrooms
- setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is achieved as much as possible; and
- providing hand drying facilities (paper towels or electrical dryers)
- businesses should provide extra bins for staff and customers to throw away face coverings and PPE, and should ensure that staff and customers do not use a recycling bin