

**Hirer's Name:** Lucy Hawkins – Oxford Sling Library **Activity:** Parent and baby sling carrying education sessions

**Assessment carried out by:** Lucy Hawkins

**Date assessment was carried out:** 30/8/21 - approved by West Oxford Community Centre

**Date of next review:** 22/10/21

## **General Principles**

**Covid 19 can be spread via:**

- Airborne Transmission
- Contamination of surfaces

**Risk of infection is made more likely because of:**

**Inability to maintain social distancing due to the layout and activities at the centre:**

- Access and Egress
- Communal services eg corridors and toilets
- Offices
- Activities of centre users

**Virus spreading because of 'aspiration' including**

- Coughing and sneezing
- Nature of the centre users' activity

**Virus spreading through**

- Infection via an asymptomatic carrier
- Infection of someone who develops symptoms

**Virus spreading through lack of understanding of the risks and necessary actions**

**Heightened levels of anxiety and the potential for conflict**

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
<b>Covid-19 infection via aerosol/droplets in air</b>	Lucy / participants, subsequent room users		<p>Windows open throughout session.</p> <p>Participant booking form includes instruction that 2m distance maintained wherever possible and masks to be worn at any time 2m distance cannot be maintained.</p> <p>Reminder signs on entry produced by Lucy.</p> <p>Spare masks provided by Lucy for participants who forget.</p> <p>Bookings numbers controlled by Lucy's booking software – maximum 15 people (5 families) at a workshop, and otherwise 1:1 work pre-booked appointments, with staggered booking times.</p> <p>High risk guests encouraged to consider the online workshops or 1:1 appointments in their own garden (other service options).</p>	Lucy	Added to booking form before bookings open on 4/9/21	
<b>Covid-19 infection via surfaces</b>	Lucy / participants, subsequent room users		<p>Lucy to wipe down tables, handles, switches before and after session.</p> <p>Lucy to ask all users to hand sanitise before touching slings, and when entering the room.</p> <p>Reminder signs on entry produced by Lucy.</p> <p>Individual sling 'bundles' for each workshop participant.</p> <p>All slings used are provided clean and washed.</p> <p>Zipped 'washing bag' brought for to put used slings in, and zipped wet bag brought for any that have been posseted on or similar.</p> <p>Weighted dolls wiped down between users.</p>	Lucy	At each session.	

			<p>Payments taken online only – no cash exchanges.</p> <p>Only Lucy to use laptop system for hires.</p>			
<b>Stress caused through fear of infection at the centre</b>			<p>Participants have to ‘agree’ to the covid protocols on the booking form, so they know all have consented.</p> <p>Risk assessment made available on our website, with a link to the WOCA site one too.</p>	Lucy	Before bookings open on 4/9/21	
<b>Lucy gets ill before a session</b>	Participants		<p>Pre-booking required for all workshops and appointments at least 24 hours in advance.</p> <p>Lucy to take a LFT the night before.</p> <p>If Lucy is ill, emails around all participants to reschedule or offer online instead as appropriate.</p>			
<b>Young children unsupervised interacting with other users, users’ belongings and surfaces</b>	Lucy, participants, young children themselves.		<p>Workshop sessions only open to non-mobile children (babies in arms).</p> <p>1:1 sessions only available for adult(s) and the child being carried (no other siblings available to roam) – <b>(if we successfully recruit volunteer help to supervise and support during 1:1 sessions this could change)</b></p>			
<b>Slips and trips</b>	Lucy, participants		<p>All slings kept in boxes or on tables until used, and then placed away in zipped ‘used’ bags.</p> <p>Laptop kept away unless needed (and then wireless).</p> <p>Participants taught about trip hazards with slings as part of sling education.</p>			
<b>Child gets hurt carried in a sling</b>	Participants		<p>All sessions include sling safety teaching, focusing on fall and airway risks, but also comfortable and respectful body positioning.</p> <p>All new slings skills are taught and ‘tried out’ by participants using a weighted demonstration doll.</p> <p>The first time a participant tries a new sling/skill with their child, they are observed by Lucy throughout, with an agreement that Lucy will intervene if there is any risk to their child.</p>			

More information on managing risk: [www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/)