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## **COVID-19 (Coronavirus) STATEMENT**

Although Playscheme is over 20 weeks away the situation with COVID-19 is unpredictable and it is entirely possible that it could have a major impact on the ability of both Leyland and Samlesbury Playschemes to operate in 2020. The committee have discussed a number of scenarios and identified, as much as can be done at this stage, the potential impact on the viability of Playscheme.

At this present time both Playscheme's ARE going ahead, we are planning in earnest with the intention of business as usual. At the same time we are mindful that we may have make difficult decisions dependant on the course of the current pandemic and are monitoring this closely. We will be taking advice from Public Health England and following any directives from government.

It is likely that the current situation will peak at the time when we recruit and train our volunteers and although it is expected that the pandemic will be having a reducing impact on the UK before Playscheme it is the number of staff that may limit our ability to operate fully.

We will open bookings as usual, however we must make it very clear that we may be in a position where we have no choice but to cancel the scheme or run with reduced capacity; and we are planning to be in a position to refund registration fees if this is the case. We are adjusting plans to ensure wherever possible we have no financial commitments for 2020 until the last possible moment.