

ARBORFIELD PARK

PLAYGROUND REOPENING

Statement from Arborfield & Newland Parish Council regarding the reopening of the play equipment at Arborfield Park

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

It is recommended that a pragmatic approach with clear information to the public about risks is followed.

It is not feasible for Arborfield & Newland 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 workable entrance and exits or a one way system

Arborfield & Newland Parish Council will carry out the following in relation to the re-opening of the play equipment at Arborfield Park:

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. All possible practical measures have been put in place.

- Not to use the facilities if you have symptoms of Coronavirus
- To wash hands thoroughly before and after visiting the playground
- To bring and use own hand sanitiser, gel or wipes for personal use and to wipe equipment
- To follow current social distancing guidelines
- To come back another time if the playground is busy
- To catch any coughs or sneezes in a tissue and dispose of it safely at home
- Not to touch your face until hands have been washed
- The consumption of food and drink within the play areas is not permitted
- To use bins provided or take litter home
- To advise all users to be patient kind to keep everyone safe
- Refer users to relevant websites for more information: arborfield.org.uk, gov.uk, nhs.uk