

ARBORFIELD PARK

PLAYGROUND & PLAY EQUIPMENT

REMAIN CLOSED

The Governments latest COVID-19 guidelines state that playgrounds can reopen on 4th July *'if those responsible for them consider they are able to and they can do so in a way that is safe and minimises COVID-19 transmission risk'*.

A Covid-19 Risk Assessment, required by the Government for all premises and activities prior to opening, has been carried out.

Unfortunately the Parish Council will not reopening the play equipment until such time as an inspection is carried out by a fully accredited inspector listed on the Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) and any maintenance issues arising from the inspection are resolved.

These are routine inspections and are carried out 6 monthly in Arborfield Park. The next inspection is due during July but as yet the date isn't known due to the high demand for inspections.

The Parish Council is also currently reviewing how, or even if, it can comply with the requirements on regular cleaning of play equipment and enforcement of social distancing. It needs to be satisfied that users of the play equipment can be kept safe, in line with government requirements before re-opening.

Whilst we realise this is a huge disappointment and the equipment has been closed for a considerable length of time, the play equipment will not be reopened until it is known that it is safe to use.

We thank you for your patience and hope to have it all open as soon as possible.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms>