

Re-opening of Spaldwick Play Park following Covid-19 closure

Following the most recent government public health guidelines Spaldwick Parish Council acknowledges the benefits to children of playing outside and the host of social, emotional and physical rewards that it brings. The evidence is that the risks posed by COVID-19 to children playing in outdoor spaces is very low, however, Spaldwick Parish Council is aware of its duty of care to the public and must consider practical safety options for the re-opening of these facilities in line with recommendations from its insurers.

It is not feasible for Spaldwick Parish Council to provide the following:

- Provision of Stewards
- Arrange a booking system
- Relocate equipment for social distancing
- Clean equipment / Provide cleaning equipment
- Create entrance and exits –one gate only

Spaldwick Parish Council will carry out the following in relation to the re-opening of the Play Area:

1. Carry out Risk Assessments including COVID-19 risks
2. Prior to opening carry out safety checks
3. 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. Whilst all possible practical measures have been put in place the user of this equipment does so at their own choice and risk. Please ensure you follow government guidelines in relation to social distancing (remain 2m apart) and handwashing / use of hand gel

- 1. Please remain 2m from other users at all times**
- 2. Cleaning equipment before & after use with hand sanitiser gel or wipes is advised**
- 3. 1 adult to accompany 1 child**
- 4. Maximum 12 people in the park at any one time**
- 5. Please be mindful of others and share when busy**
- 6. When using equipment do not touch your face**
- 7. Consumption of food and drink within the play areas is not recommended**
- 8. Please take all litter home**
- 9. Wash your hands thoroughly with hot water & soap when you get home**