



PLAY AREAS & PLAY EQUIPMENT COVID-19 RE-OPENING POLICY

Adopted by Potterspurvy Parish Council 8 July 2020

Potterspurvy Parish Council (the Council) has adopted this policy using the current Government Guidelines – “COVID-19: Guidance for managing playgrounds and outdoor gyms” dated 26 June 2020.

The Council wish to promote the safest possible use of all our play areas and equipment, which includes the skatepark, MUGA and outdoor gym equipment, during the COVID-19 pandemic, so that they may remain open.

The Council has carried out an extensive risk assessment in order to open the play areas safely. New signage has been installed to advise on hygiene and distancing, **but we rely on the good sense of all users to adhere to Government Guidelines regarding social distancing, personal hygiene and any other current guidance.**

USERS OF PLAY AREAS & EQUIPMENT SHOULD OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

- Use of play areas and play equipment is at users’ own risk.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for under-18s using the play areas and equipment.
- **All users must abide by current Government Guidelines** and the warning signs when using any of the play areas and equipment.
- Consumption of food or drink is **NOT** permitted on play equipment or in play areas.
- **All play areas must be kept clean and tidy** – litter must be placed in the bins provided.
- **Numbers within the skatepark and MUGA will be strictly limited to no more than 10 at a time** (within each area).
- **If the guidelines of this policy are breached, including failure to leave the areas clean and tidy, the play area(s) will be closed and locked.**
- **Equipment is NOT cleaned by the Council.** Users, parents/guardians and visitors are advised to bring and use their own hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes to clean equipment and to dispose of them safely, preferably at home.
- **Stay apart – use hand sanitizer – wash your hands thoroughly when you get home – stay safe.**
- If any anti-social behaviour is witnessed, please report to the Police using 101 (by phone or online) or, **if urgent dial 999.**