

COVID 19 REGULATIONS FOR RE-OPENING PLAY EQUIPMENT

SAMPFORD COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL ask all parents to read the following advice carefully:-

We are opening up the play area to enable those wishing to use the equipment to do so and have conducted a visual inspection of the equipment to ensure that after remaining closed that it continues to be safe to use. However, in line with Government Guidance there remains risks from using such equipment. The measures set out below will enable you and your children to enjoy the play area as safely as possible. Please respect other users.

Cleaning and hygiene

Scientific advice suggests that the virus can survive for up to several days on some hard surfaces, particularly when indoors. These risks are reduced when outdoors, where surfaces may be subject to UV light and/or rain. This guidance applies to all equipment in our outdoor playground but you should be aware that the virus could survive long enough on frequently used/touched outdoor surfaces to facilitate transmission.

The Parish Council are providing cleaning products for users to manage these potential risks by asking users to clean high traffic touch points frequently. Including cleaning/wiping down:

- playground equipment for children, such as slides monkey bars and climbing frames
- semi enclosed playhouses or huts for small children
- enclosed crawl through 'tunnels' or tube slides
- entry and exit points such as gates
- seating areas such as benches and picnic tables
- refuse areas/bins

Parents, guardians and carers of users, are actively encouraged to minimise the risk by effectively sanitising before allowing their child to use the equipment.

For the safest experience when using the play area please:

- **bring a hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean your children's hands** (remembering enhanced hand hygiene including washing/sanitising hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and water or approved gel and foam sanitiser, particularly at the beginning and end of play can minimise risks)
- **remember for yourself and advise your children not to touch their faces, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue or arm when a tissue is not available**
- **remind your children not to put their mouths on equipment or their hands in their mouths**
- **remember to keep safer by adhering to social distancing guidance**

The Parish Council are providing in the playground area:

- waste facilities and frequent rubbish collection
- hand sanitiser for users to clean hands before and after use.

Please let the Parish Council know if there are any problems by contacting the Parish Clerk on 0183782285