

CHESTERTON GEMINUS ROAD PLAY AREA – RE-OPENING PLANS

Chesterton Parish Council recognise the need for children to be able to use the play areas once again as soon as possible. However, in line with Government and Insurance Company recommendations, Chesterton's play areas at Geminus Road will not re-open until an official inspection by ROSPA has taken place. We have been informed that this should happen 'some time during July'. An annual inspection is due and, as the equipment has been out of use for some months now due to COVID-19, it is so important, in the interest of the health and safety of all children/users, that the equipment is certified fit for use prior to its re-opening.

A risk assessment has been carried out and once reopened, signage will be in place confirming rules of usage to include users' responsibilities for: maintenance of social distancing and new rules of play, usage at own risk, users' provision of own sanitiser wipes/gel to clean equipment before and after use, personal hygiene precautions whilst in the play areas, no consumption of food/drink etc, and all litter to be taken home.

As responsibility for Audley Gardens has not yet been handed over to the Parish Council from Taylor Wimpey/CDC, we are unable to carry out a risk assessment or inspection on the small play area there and for the time being I'm afraid it must remain closed. I am currently in the process of liaising with CDC regarding this situation and will do what I can to speed up the process of re-opening.

Please bear with us, we desperately want to see children enjoying the play equipment once again, but it is our responsibility to ensure that all required precautions are taken to ensure their health and safety.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

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