



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
Preparations for Re-Opening of New Romney Town Council
Outdoor Play and Leisure Facilities to the Public



At Present New Romney Town Council's outdoor play areas and outdoor gym remain closed in accordance with Government Guidance.

The latest Government Guidance now allows for outdoor play areas and outdoor gyms to commence re-opening FROM 4th July 2020 – provided that they are Covid-Safe.

New Romney Town Council would like to explain what it is doing, in response to Covid-19, to provide a safe environment for users so that these areas are able to re-open as soon as possible.

However, Please note: There is a HUGE amount of work required before the Town Council's outdoor play areas and outdoor gym can, in fact, safely re-open ... and it is unlikely, therefore, that any will be formally re-opened on Saturday 4th July.

In order that at least a proportion of outdoor play and leisure equipment can be made safely available for use at the earliest possible date, it is planned that a 'phased re-opening' takes place, as follows:

- 1) Fairfield Road Recreation Ground, including the Skate Park
- 2) The Greens Children's Play Area
- 3) The Greens Outdoor Gym

New Romney Town Council would like to thank local residents and visitors to the area for their continued patience and for NOT attempting to enter any of these areas whilst gates are still padlocked – but to wait just a little longer until all required Covid-19 health and safety measures have been implemented and the gates have been officially opened.

- Prior to re-opening of Fairfield Road Recreation Ground, The Greens Play Area and The Greens Outdoor gym, detailed area-specific Covid-19 risk assessments will have been undertaken
- A regular equipment cleansing programme will have been put in place, with particular attention being focused on high frequency contact points, such as hand rails and handles, seating surfaces and bins
- Fewer users will be able to use individual items of play and gym equipment at any one time and a large variety of signage will have been designed, printed and installed with information relating to hygiene and social distancing protocols for each outdoor play / gym area.
- Significantly restricted numbers of users will be permitted into the Play Area and Outdoor Gym Area at The Greens at any one time to ensure that users are able to maintain social distancing
- Users will not be permitted to consume food or drinks while using these areas due to the high risk of Covid-19 transmission through surface contact and face touching
- Visitors will be encouraged to avoid these areas at busy times when social distancing may be more difficult
- **Members of Public are respectfully reminded that, when it is possible for the Town Council's outdoor play areas and outdoor gym to re-open, they should NOT visit these areas if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or if any member of their household is displaying symptoms; they should, instead, follow government guidance regarding self-isolation at home.**