

# Statement Regarding Coronavirus and Maghull Town Council Parks & Recreational Facilities

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic is being led nationally and Maghull Town Council is following national guidance issued by the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England.

To ameliorate the social implications of the pandemic, Maghull Town Council is working closely with a range of partners to protect and support the most vulnerable members of our community.

In light of yesterday's announcement by the British Government that all UK schools will close for the foreseeable future with effect from the end of the school day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Maghull Town Council anticipates that there will be increased use of parks and recreational facilities owned and/or maintained by the council.

During this period, council officers will continue to work hard to ensure that parks and recreational facilities are safe and are well maintained. However, maintenance standards are determined by operational capacity – which may change in the coming weeks.

At the time of writing, all parks and recreational facilities owned and/or maintained by Maghull Town Council are open to the public. This position is however being reviewed regularly and will be informed by any guidance issued by the British Government.

To help ensure that parks and recreational facilities are safe and are well maintained, the following measures will be implemented from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020:-

1. Multi-use bins will be emptied weekly
2. Children's play areas will be prioritised for grass cutting over and above outfield areas and playing fields.
3. Newly installed play equipment at King George V Recreational Ground will remain closed to members of the public until further notice.

These measures have been agreed by the Leader of the Council, but will be reviewed regularly and are subject to change in light of any revised guidance issued by the British Government.

Maghull Town Council encourages all residents of and visitors to Maghull to follow government guidance regarding social distancing, self-isolation and personal hygiene.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Maghull Town Council on 0151 526 3705 or [info@maghull-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@maghull-tc.gov.uk)