

It will open once the safety inspection has been completed. Please check our website for regular updates.:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The playground is extremely old and has started to cost money to maintain. It's basic and doesn't serve a diverse age range. * Due to its age, it doesn't have to comply to up to date safety standards. The Parish Council feel that safety to our younger users should be paramount. * A safe and secure playground boosts children's confidence, promoting active participation. This aligns with the core purpose of playgrounds – to stimulate development, inspire creativity, and instil the joy of play in a secure setting.
Why have we chosen a metal playground?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Our current playground is between 30 – 40 years old. This is partly due to the fact that the metal playground is more durable and easier to maintain. However, the equipment has been maintained by local residents in the past which will not be possible in the future given current Health & Safety guidelines. * We want to create the best value playground with cost and longevity in mind. Many of the repairs required to the existing playground over the years have been made to the wooden elements of the existing playground. We believe we the most appropriate solution. <i>Please check his link: https://playequip.com/the-advantages-and-disadvantages-of-metal-and-wooden-playground-equipment/</i> * We recognise that aesthetically wooden playgrounds are preference above metal in a rural area, however they come with a shorter lifespan and costly maintenance, particularly as they age due to its vulnerability to decay, insect damage, or warping in fluctuating weather.
Why can we not donate/resell old equipment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We are replacing the equipment as it is no longer compliant with current safety standards. It would be irresponsible for the Parish Council to sell or donate knowing this and could leave us liable for any claims resulting in injury.
How was the playground funded?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * FPC successfully applied for a donation of £78,326 from <i>Your Fund Surrey Small Community Projects Fund</i> however, this comes with a number of caveats. One is that the project should be complete within 6 months of its transfer to FPC. * Additionally, FPC has built up a Playground Project reserve over a number of years last five years. This with donations received from the Frensham Fayre each year has allowed the projet to move forward.
Why hasn't FPC undertaken additional consultation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In order to meet the funding timescales and the suppliers lead times for new equipment, we have been unable to undertake the level of consultation we had hoped, however, we believe we have achieved the most appropriate equipment and design given funding and space available.
Why is work starting in April?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The funding we have acquired stipulates that the project must be complete within 6 months. The earliest we could arrange delivery of equipment from the manufacturer is March, however it was felt with the school holidays and expected early year inclement weather, it would be less disruptive to commence work mid April, allowing sufficient time to complete within the funding timescales
Why is the design of inclusive equipment limited?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * There is much more to the design of a new playground than merely choosing equipment. Much is dependant on the size of the plot, the surface, the age of the children and their needs. * Additionally, there are many hidden factors to take into account; such as allocated fall height and space requirements between certain equipment. These factors have been carefully considered with expert consultation from the designers to achieve, what we consider, to be an exciting Playground experience.
What provision is there for children with disabilities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We have included sensory panels, inclusive roundabout, nest swing and high backed springer to try and bring inclusivity and enjoyment to all.
Will more trees be planted to create shade?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We have sadly lost a much loved tree in the playground due to drought and, due to Health & Safety reasons, we will not be replacing trees within the playground. However we will be planting more trees around the Parish to enhance green spaces.
Was there an option to move the location of the Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Moving the Playground to another location was considered. This would have increased parking availability where it is most needed, however, following our recent survey, the majority of residents voted to keep the playground in its current location. Some of the reasons being the proximity to the shop, much used by parents and children, visibility and a safe space.
Will the exercise equipment be replaced or relocated ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Not at this time, although future grants will be applied for to enhance the surfacing and replacement of bins and benches in this area.
Why can't the footpath from the rec to the shop be available during construction ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Whilst the project is underway, a site compound will be created within the car park to house a welfare unit, disposal area and delivery area. This is required to ensure that the whole play area is secure. This will close one end of the footpath. Additionally, we will be using this opportunity to upgrade the footpath between the playground and the gym to correct and make-good the uneven surface towards the top of the path.
Will parking be affected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, a few spaces will be taken up with the site compound. Signage will go up in advance advising users. Clubs have been notified and measures in place to manage parking.
When will construction start and finish?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is expected to start on Monday 13th April for 5 weeks. But timelines could shift due to weather or site conditions.
What hours will construction take place?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working hours will be between 8am - 5pm with no weekend or evening works unless essential.
Will the park remain open during construction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, it will be closed for the duration of the installation period. It will be sectioned off with Heras Security Fencing with no access to the public.
Will there be noise or disruption?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, some noise is expected, but the contractors will work to keep this to a minimum.
How is safety being ensured?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment will meet the relevant safety standards and the site will undergo an independent post-installation inspection before opening
What type of surfacing will be used?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonded rubber mulch will be used under the equipment. It's soft for safer landings, works well in all weather and gives every child a smooth, easy surface to move around on.
When will the play area open to the public?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will open once the safety inspection has been completed. Please check our website for regular updates.