

Update on New Play Areas for Weirfield and Badgers Brook

Amanda Woodhead, Community Projects and Grants Officer has met with representatives from Kompan. Work is likely to start in February 2024 and continue for 3 weeks. This is a very quick turnaround given that we published the tender specification during August with a September 2023 closing date.

During the three week installation period new play equipment will be fitted at both sites. The soft rubber surfacing is being totally removed and replaced at Weirfield due to it's very poor condition. The Committee of Wroughton Club have been approached by us to request the use of 4 car parking bays to locate skips in during the project. We expect a reply from them early in the new year.

During the works at Weirfield, we will be locking off the gate from the High Street (behind the bus shelter) to ensure the safety of our residents. We have asked that contractor deliveries and vehicle movements are restricted to take place outside of school start and finish times as the Weirfield path is a well used through route.

The Weirfield Play Area has been designed to appeal for ages 0-11 with dedicated areas for Early Years/Key Stage One and an older cohort. Equipment such as a rocker and see saw are located in the middle of the play area and there will be a plethora of sensory and interactive panels around the existing fences. The Badgers Brook area is designed for Early Years and Key Stage One and will replace the existing double swing unit, central multiplay unit and seesaw. An additional 'spinner' has also been included in the plans. The equipment at both sites encourages sensory and imaginative play.

Visually appealing information boards showing the new plans and inviting residents to send in their comments have been installed at both sites. More information is also available on the Wroughton Parish Council website and has been publicised via social media feeds. A press release has been sent out to the Swindon Advertiser and Link magazine.