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Parents and Carers Information Sheet

Welcome to Gwealan Tops Adventure Playground

Gwealan Tops is an adventure playground designed for the use of children to play, explore and express themselves. Our experienced and trained playworkers are there to support children and young people's play through observation and a skilled playwork approach, using minimum and play-centred interventions.

The playground is open after school and during school holidays. For more information please visit our website or ask the playworkers.

Parents and Carers of Younger Children

Children under 8 are welcome to come into the playground accompanied by their parents and carers, please sign in on arrival.

You are responsible for the supervision of your own children under 8 at all times. Many 6 and 7 year olds will be confident and able to use the playground with little attention but under 6s do require constant supervision as some areas of the site or bigger children's play will not be appropriate to their age and abilities.

It is important to recognise that both younger children and adults are guests in a play space that offers risks and challenges to older children. There are times that you may need to move to alternative areas of the site so the over 8s can play without feeling overlooked or intruded upon. Adults should not play on the equipment or encroach on spaces where children wish to play.

Please read our guidance on the next page about the playground.

Sometimes children's play can be messy, noisy, argumentative, they can shout and scream, be boisterous and test each other's limits as well as ours! This is a place that they can stretch themselves physically, socially, emotionally, creatively, destructively and more.

Sometimes you may ask yourself why doesn't someone do or say something about it when children are displaying rude, aggressive or challenging behaviour. This is not, usually, because it hasn't been noticed – we are trained to make professional judgements about when and how to intervene in children's play and may decide it is more appropriate to watch whilst children work things through, following up at a later time when it has calmed down without an audience. Sorting things out themselves, experimenting with relationships and strategies helps children to learn about themselves, each other and the world around them.

If something is worrying you or someone else needs our help please feel free to talk with the playworkers on site. Please leave the playworkers to intervene in other children's play rather than do so yourself. If you have reason to be worried about the impact of other children's behaviour on you or your child, please raise this with a member of staff and remove your own child from any situations that you feel are not suitable for them.

The playground will be developing over the coming months and years introducing some larger play structures, children's self-built camps, big and small loose parts, junk and more wild areas. These may present a greater risk to little ones than play areas that you are more familiar with elsewhere. Some areas will be developed to be more suitable for parents, carers and under 8s to play in. Your and your children's ideas are welcomed.

When the site is particularly busy, if particular activities are planned or when certain situations arise you may be asked to move to a different area.

We appreciate your understanding and co-operation in helping to make this a friendly and successful playground.