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School Playground Use and Hours

The Park & Recreation Commission, Arlington School Department, and Arlington Health Department announced that all Town of Arlington playgrounds that are directly adjacent to schools will be permitted for **school use only** during school days from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. These specific playgrounds should only be used by students attending in-school learning on their respective days. They will be open to those students assigned to a remote learning day and for use by the general public after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, on weekends, and on any day that in school learning is not in session, which currently includes Wednesdays.

School playgrounds include:

- Bishop School (all playgrounds),
- Brackett School,
- Dallin School (Florence Playground),
- Stratton School (Pheasant Avenue Playground),
- Peirce School,
- Hardy School,
- Parmenter School, and
- Thompson School (Playgrounds on School Property)

Please note that due to the fact that Thompson School has some available playground space on site for school use only the school permitted hours at North Union/Lussiano Playground have been modified as stated below:

- North Union/Lussiano Playground
 - Restricted for school use only from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on days in-school learning is in session.

Alternative Playground Options

The Town of Arlington is fortunate to host over 26 parks and playgrounds in locations throughout town. Those students who are assigned to a remote learning day and members of the general public may use any of these town parks and playgrounds at any time throughout the day and weekends. These include:

- Summer Street (Multi-generational area & adjacent to Hill's Hill),
- Buzzell,
- Crosby,
- Cutter/Reinhart Park,
- Hibbert,
- Locke (Davis Rd.)
- Magnolia,
- McClennen,
- Menotomy Rocks,
- Parallel,
- Poets Corner,
- Robbins Farm,

- Reservoir Beach,
- Spy Pond Park,
- Waldo,
- Wellington, and
- Whittemore Park.

The Park & Recreation Commission, Arlington School Department, and Health Department would also like to remind you that social distancing and mask compliance is mandatory at all Town of Arlington Playgrounds. Thank you for your cooperation as we all try to work together for the safety of the community during these difficult times.