

**RISK ASSESSMENT**  
(Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992)  
Playground, Village Green

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WHAT HAZARDS ARE PRESENT?	WHAT RISKS ARISE FROM HAZARDS PRESENT?	WHICH GROUPS OF PEOPLE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE HAZARDS?	IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?	WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE RISK?	ACTION COMPLETED
<p><b>Remember:</b> the hazard is object/situation/system already in place. In the locality you are assessing what hazards and risks would you expect might cause some significant harm.</p> <p><b>Some common hazards:</b>  Slip/trip/fall hazards  Manual handling hazards  Electrical hazards  Substances (including dust)  Display Screen (VDU) hazards  Fire and smoke hazards  Inadequate/faulty work procedures  Poor lighting  Faulty equipment/machinery  Vehicular traffic  Environment/site hazards  Stress-inducing tasks</p>	<p><b>Remember:</b> the risk is the chance of injury or damage to health from the hazard. Very low risks, or risks which are part of everyday living may not require action.</p> <p><b>HAVE YOU PRIORTISED THE RISKS?</b>  (1 = LOW, 5 = HIGH)</p>	<p><b>Groups:</b>  1 Administration Staff  2 Students  3 Manual/Cleaning Staff  4 Visitors  5 Contractors  6 Members of the Public</p> <p><b>PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO:</b>  8. person with disabilities  9. lone workers  10. inexperienced staff  11. young staff (ie., age 16-18)  12. pregnant women/nursing mothers</p>	<p><b>What have you done already to reduce the risks?</b>  Altered systems of work/procedures  Provided information/instruction/training  Carried out assessments</p> <p><b>ASK YOURSELF: Do these precautions</b>  ○ represent good practice?  ○ Meet the legal requirements?  ○ Reduce the risk as far as reasonably practicable?</p> <p><b>If not, complete Section 5.</b></p>	<p><b>What more could you reasonably do for risks not adequately controlled?</b></p> <p><b>HAVE YOU CONSIDERED:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Removing the risk completely</li> <li>○ Trying a less risky option</li> <li>○ Preventing access to the risk</li> <li>○ Changing work procedures</li> <li>○ Issuing personal protective equipment</li> </ul>	

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Road – collision with vehicle	Low – no incidents reported	General public particularly children	Yes - Fencing provides a barrier between the playground and road.  Road signs warn drivers of approaching playground	Playground fully enclosed.  Items in playground inspection relating to fencing also addressed.	<b>Yes</b>
Climbing/Play equipment – falling	Low – no reported incidents	As above	Yes - Wet pour. Annual inspection. Smaller slide now provided for younger children.	Playground Safety Report RoSPA	<b>Yes</b>
Equipment when Cricket in play	Low - no reported incidents	As above	Yes - play area closed by Cricket Club when Cricket is in play.	None	
Equipment failure	Low	As above	Yes - Regular playground visual, physical, inspections & Annual inspection	Maintenance to be undertaken if neccessary to remove any risks. Playground Safety Report RoSPA	
Grass/mud – slippery	Low – no incidents reported	As above	Monitored	Repair wear and tear areas if necessary.	
Trees tripping/falling on roots	Low – no incidents reported	As above	Monitored	Action if necessary Tree Survey	
Trees Falling branches	Low – no incidents reported	As above	Playground inspections Trees monitored by Tree specialist	Tree Survey	

Litter Injury from broken glass, waste	Low – no incidents reported	As above	Provision of litter bins. Weekly playground inspections	None	
Undesirable people & antisocial behaviour within the play area	Intimidating behaviour, people feeling unsafe	As above	Incidents of Antisocial behaviour will be reported to the Police	Action if necessary	
Contamination of surfaces with Coronavirus	Contracting the virus, causing illness or death	Children, adults, staff	<p>Signage stating 2m social distance rule, anyone with symptoms does not enter, only one adult should accompany their children, limit capacity of multi-play equipment, promote good hand sanitation, no eating in the play area.</p> <p>Use signage to warn users that it cannot be guaranteed the area is COVID 19 free</p> <p>Due to the cost it is not practical to clean the area after each use or to provide hand sanitisers. Hand sanitisers also contain alcohol and are flammable increasing the risk of theft</p>	Continue to monitor	

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