

WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

6th August 2025 Parish Council Meeting



Agenda Item 25.425.6: Playground Annual RoSPA Inspection Review

Playground Annual Inspection: 10th July 2025 by RoSPA Play Safety

Background

Each piece of equipment is inspected and each section tested is given a risk score ranging from 1 (green) for the lowest risk to 25 (red) for the highest risk.

The risk scores are calculated by plotting the likelihood of harm against the severity of the injury sustained. The likelihood is given a score of 1 to 5, and the severity is given a score of 1 to 5 (then times together).

In doing this a matrix is produced which gives a numerical assessment of the risk on a score of 1 to 25, and a judgement is made as to which risks are low (green), which are medium (yellow) and which are high (red).

Risk scores may be adjusted in the light of experience and therefore may not be exactly as per the table.

General Notes:

Strimmer damage is present on posts, allowing water to enter and timbers to soften. It can also remove the protective envelope around the timber. Prevent further damage and check timbers for decay throughout the year.

Ardley FC Note – clerk to contact Ardley FC and advise them that there is a damaged wheel on football goal.

Overview of findings with actions from all information provided:

Description	Tasks	Risk Rating	Action
Gate:			
There is a crushing or shearing point on the side of the gate. Where the gaps reduce to less than 12 mm these have been known to cause serious, permanent injury to children, especially on the hinge	Adjust gate / posts / fit new rubber buffer to ensure a spacing of at least 12 mm throughout the range of the gate to remove the entrapment. The 12 mm gap also should apply on the hinge side of the gate.	8	To be repaired by?

side where the leverage forces are significant.			
Items is bent	Repair	5	To be repaired by?
Fencing:			
Hard or sharp projections.	Remove hard, pointed and sharp projections e.g. nails	7	To be removed by?
Minor repairs are needed.	Loose rails, missing and damaged slats. Repair	6	JM ordered new slat – to be fixed
Basketball Post:			
Portable equipment must remain outside the minimum space of the permanently installed items.	Remove out of playground	-	Remove item altogether
Ensure ballast is added to the base.	Fill	9	-
Item is damaged.	Repair	7	-
Swing Basket:			
Cap missing	Replace	5	JM to fix with new cap
The supporting components should be dismantled and inspected according to the manufacturer's instructions. This will need doing on a regular basis, as defined by the manufacturer. This can lead to a high risk if no action is taken.	Dismantle and inspect according to manufacturer's instructions.	0	Clerk to contact Playsafety
Goal posts:			
Loose in the ground / minor repairs	Reset	5	To be repaired by?
Multiplay – Junior			
Timber is decayed.	Check on a routine basis. Sand back rough edges and monitor for any	6	Clerk to sand. Monitored as part of regular inspections

	further deterioration (see pics)		
There are natural splits / shakes in the timbers.	Shakes vary. Monitor and consult manufacturer if dimensions exceed 8 mm at sections used to grip / grasp.	6	To add monitor note to inspection template
Multiplay – Toddler			
Timber is decayed.	Sand back rough edges and monitor for any further deterioration.	6	Clerk to sand. Monitored as part of regular inspections
Cap missing	Replace	3	JM to fix with new cap
Rocker – Platform			
Welds are cracked	Monitor	5	To add monitor note to inspection template
Wet pour starting to separate and lift at the edges around the base plate.	Monitor	5	To add monitor note to inspection template