

WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

5th August 2026 Parish Council Meeting



Agenda Item 26.439.7: Playground Annual RoSPA Inspection Review

Playground Annual Inspection: 15th July 2026 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.

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 (at rear of playground). Where the gaps reduce to less than 12 mm these have been known to cause serious, permanent injury to children, especially on the hinge side where the leverage forces are significant.	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 investigated again

Item is bent (main gate nearest car park).	Repair	5	?
Fencing:			
Hard or sharp projections.	Remove hard, pointed and sharp projections e.g. nails behind bench	6	Check and remove
Minor repairs are needed – rotten posts.	Replace rotten posts	8 / 6	JM ordered new slats, repair post by gate – to be fixed
Swing Basket:			
Cap missing on basket.	Replace	5	JM to fix with new cap?
Goal posts:			
Loose in the ground and leaning / minor repairs.	Reset	5	Monitoring ongoing, to be discussed following summer heat
Loose goalposts – minor repairs needed (new nets/wheel broken).	Ardley FC aware	5	Not in PC ownership
Multiplay – Junior			
Timber is decayed – post adjacent to metal ladder. Slight increase in decay from the last annual inspection.	Program in replacement.	8	Monitored as part of regular inspections. Consider obtaining a quote later in year re: budget work
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	Monitor note in inspection template, especially for crossbar
Timber is decayed – edge of platform by pole.	Sand back rough edges and monitor for any further deterioration.	6	Clerk to sand. Monitored as part of regular inspections

Mixed Swing			
Shrinkage / separation of the surface. This may give a trip hazard.	Allow grass to establish in the gap, as this may prevent the wet pour from shrinking further.	6	Soil and seed been placed around surface edging to be monitored for growth
Multiplay – Toddler			
Shrinkage / separation of the surface. This may give a trip hazard.	Allow grass to establish in the gap, as this may prevent the wet pour from shrinking further.	6	Soil and seed been placed around surface edging, to be monitored for growth
Timber is decayed – wooden post step.	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 – Bird			
Shrinkage / separation of the surface. This may give a trip hazard.	Allow grass to establish in the gap, as this may prevent the wet pour from shrinking further.	6	Soil and seed been placed around surface edging, to be monitored for growth
Rocker – Platform			
Welds are cracked	Monitor for any further deterioration.	5	To add monitor note to inspection template
Timber is decayed at surface edging.	Repair	6	Loose wooden edging removed. Soil and seed been placed around surface edging, to be monitored for growth
Rotator - Spica			
Timber is decayed at surface edging.	Repair	8	Loose wooden edging removed. Soil and seed been placed around surface edging, to be monitored for growth

