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Fulford Parish Council Grindley Park Play Equipment Risk Assessment

Hazard and risk	People at Risk	Fulford Parish Council Controls	Additional
Defective surfaces – paths, car park area, safety surfaces, Open gras, football pitch -Slips, trips and falls	Employee/Public	• Regular inspections for safety defects e.g. potholes, grass etc • Rapid response to defect repairs. • Warning signs erected as necessary • Mossy areas cleaned up regularly. • Grass cuttings swept up from walkways • Unauthorised vehicular use monitored; off-road motorbikes, e-bikes, and scooters – Police notified	

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Football Posts -Collapse	Employee/Public	• Posts regularly inspected for damage/vandalism • Defects repaired asap. • Dangerous equipment removed from use. • Fixings bolts/welds regularly inspected and tested. • Public discouraged from swinging on them when observed by council staff. • Upright post movement checked regularly and remedied when noted (to prevent undue strain on upper weld/bolts)	

Fencing -Cuts	Employee/Public	• Fences regularly inspected and recorded • Rapid response to defect reports • Fence removed if in dangerous condition and temporary one erected	

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Seating -Injury	Employee/Public	• Facility regularly inspected (recorded) • Defects repaired asap • Dangerous equipment removed from use. • Facilities constructed of durable materials. • Facilities secured to ground to minimize vandalism	
Dog Fouling -Infection/ill health	Employee/Public	• Bins provided and emptied regularly • 'No Dog' signs erected in play area • Grass walked and fouling removed prior to grass cutting	
Gates -Entrapment	Employee/Public	• Closures inspected regularly • Rapid response to defect reports	
Vegetation -Poisoning -Cuts	Employee/Public	• Non hazardous plants • Any hazardous vegetation removed and/or cut well back	

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Bins -Cuts	Employee/Public	• Inspected regularly and repairs carried out when needed • Dangerous bins removed from use, including base to prevent trip hazard	
		• Bins constructed of toughened material •	
Mowing and Stimming -various	Employee/Public	• Contractors separate Risk Assessment	
Falls from play equipment	Children/Users	• Equipment selected and installed appropriately • Impact absorbing surfacing provided where required. • Monthly inspections take place and are recorded. • Remove or isolate defective equipment immediately ensuring surfacing remains adequate.	

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Falls from height	Children/Users	• Equipment designed for age appropriate use, handrails, barriers and platforms provided where applicable • Monthly inspection checks barriers, handrails and access points	
Entrapment of head, neck, limbs or clothing	Children/Users	• Equipment is inspected monthly for deterioration, gaps and openings, equipment appropriate to intended age group. • Any suspected entrapment hazard to result in immediate isolation and specialized assessment/repair.	

Broken, loose or damaged equipment	Children/Users	• Routine visual inspections are carried out monthly and recorded and ROSPA annual inspections • Defective equipment to be taken out until repaired and confirmed safe.	

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Sharp edges, protrusions or exposed fixings	Children/Users	• Inspection of equipment and fixings • Repair, replace or remove defective components	
Impact of other users or equipment	Children/Users	• Equipment layout designed to provide appropriate circulation and fall zones • Monitor layout and congestion; review if equipment is added or moved.	
Inadequate or damaged safety surfacing	Children/Users	• Safety surfacing provided beneath relevant equipment. • Inspect for displacement, deterioration, exposed foundation or insufficient depth, repair as necessary.	
Slips, trips and falls on surrounding ground	Children/Users	• Routine inspections of paths, grass, surfacing and changes in levels • Repair trip hazards and maintain surrounding area	

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Weather conditions -wet, icy or extreme heat	Children/Users	• Close or restrict use where conditions make equipment unsafe; inspect for ice, standing water or excessively hot surfaces	

Deterioration, corrosion or timber decay	Children/Users	• Monthly and annual inspections are maintained and recorded • Repair/replace affected components, obtain competent specialist advice where necessary	
Vandalism or deliberate damage	Children/Users	• Routine inspections, defects reported and dealt with • Remove damaged equipment from use, report serious vandalism to relevant authorities	
Glass, litter, animal fouling or other contamination	Children/Users	• Warden litter picks daily and inspects the site Mon-Fri. • Remove contamination promptly; restrict access if contamination presents significant risk	

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Inappropriate use of equipment	Children/Users	• Age/usage information displayed where appropriate • Provide suitable signage. Monitor recurring misuse and consider additional controls	
Dogs entering play area	Children/Users	• Fencing/gates and appropriate signage are installed • Maintain fencing and gates, remove fouling promptly	
Gates, fencing or access points defective	Children/Users	• Routine inspections • Repair damaged fencing, gates, latches or other access control	
Vehicles entering or approaching play area	Children/Users	• Physical separation from roads/parking areas • Maintain barriers/fencing; review site layout following any changes	
Fire or deliberate setting of fire	Children/Users	• Warden inspects 2-3 times a week	

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		• Combustible rubbish is removed • Report significant incidents and repair damage before re opening	
Emergency/serious injury	Children/Users	• Emergency services can be contacted site location is available • Clerks telephone number is on signage	
Contractor or Volunteers Working on site	Contractors/Volunteer/Public	• Work planned and area controlled • Ensure contractors/volunteers understand site risk and relevant procedures and provide their own risk assessments for work being carried out	
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