

RISK ASSESSMENT: LONGSTOWE SPORTSFIELD

Risk assessment name	Village Playground	Assessment type	General Assessment
Assessor name	Barbara Cooper	Site	Longstowe Sports Field
Assessment date	15/2/24	Review Period	Annual
Approved by		Review Date	16/2/25
Approved date		Reference	

Workspace	Description
Outside area.	The village sportsfield comprises an open sportsfield, with an open play ground area with several items of play equipment.

Hazard	What could be harmed and how?	Existing Controls	Risk Rating = L x S (Likelihood x Severity)
Access, egress and people movement: Potential to cause slips, trips and falls	Members of the public. How? Injuries caused from slips trips and falls.	Ensure that all areas are kept clear to avoid slips and trips.	2 x 3 = 6 MEDIUM
Childrens Play Area: Unsafe or unstable play equipment in the area due to disrepair/poor upkeep.	Members of the public. Injury from faulty equipment.	Annual play equipment inspection carried out. Regular checks and reporting of play equipment defects. Routine maintenance undertaken on all play equipment. Defective equipment is taken out of use. New equipment is purchased from a reputable supplier.	3 x 3 = 9 HIGH
Falls from play equipment	Members of the public. How? Various injuries possible.	Wet weather: No climbing to be allowed if the equipment is wet or slippery. Consider limiting numbers permitted to use equipment at any one time. Age Group Segregation: Consider segregating age groups.	2 x 3 = 6 MEDIUM

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Biological hazards from animal faeces. Being in contact with animal faeces.	Members of the public. How? infection, Toxocariasis.	Where possible prevent dog walking within the play area.	3 x 3 MEDIUM
Collision involving people or play equipment or vehicles.	Members of the public. How? Injury to person.	Collisions involving people or buildings: Play is appropriately supervised taking into account the age of children and the condition and layout of the play area. All areas are clearly visible for supervision purposes. Spaces nominated as safe for running and energetic activities are free from obstructions.	2 x 3 = 6 MEDIUM
Security at site. This is an open access site.	Members of the public. How? In particular, children or vulnerable adults. Anyone can have access. During events, there is vehicles access to the car park and at some events onto the playing field.	Access control: Where possible provide alternative routes for visitors bypassing playing areas. Gate closed / secured except during events.	3 x 3 = 9 HIGH
Emergency Response to accidents. Inadequate response to accidents and incidents during pupil activities.	Members of the public. How? Further distress due to delay in response.	General: Emergency contacts posted for injury requiring expert attention. Events: First aid provided. Casualties treated by first aider until emergency help arrives. First aiders trained in general first aid care to be at events. Defibrillator available on wall of village hall.	2 x 3 = 6 MEDIUM
Aggressive Behaviour: Could lead to injury and distress to victims and those assisting victims of violent conduct.	Members of the public. How? Injury and distress from aggressive behaviour.		1 x 3 LOW
Animals (Bites)	Members of the public. How? Risk of injury from animal bites leading to potential infection if untreated.	Country Code publicised in the village	1 x 3 LOW

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Poisonous and Thorny plants. Contact with poisonous or thorny plants.	Members of the Public. How? Injury and illness.	Grounds maintenance: Maintenance undertaken as required on play areas.	1 x 2 LOW
Sharps, needlesticks, hazardous litter etc Potential needlestick / cuts, injuries when playing	Members of the Public. How? needlestick / cuts, injuries	Regular housekeeping inspections are carried out.	1 x 3 LOW
Further Control Measures			
None required			

Assessor signature:

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