

Harmston Parish Council

Village Play Area, installed and maintained by HPC, within Village Playing Field

Play Area Risk Assessment 2023

Wooden play area equipment, sat on grass within a wooden picket fenced area (adult waist height), at the far side of the village playing field. Accessed on foot only, via the playing field. Not adjacent to road or footpath. Catch on gate, and gate adjacent to a picnic bench to enable parents to see all of the playing area. Double gates are locked shut, with access only for grass maintenance. Only one public entrance/exit. 3 safety checks are scheduled and carried out every calendar year. This produces areas of maintenance to focus upon where needed.

| | LIKELIHOOD (Chances of occurrence) | | SEVERITY (Outcome) |
|----|------------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 2 | Remote Possibility | 2 | Negligible Injury |
| 4 | Unlikely | 4 | Minor Injury |
| 6 | Possible | 6 | Major Injury or Disability |
| 8 | Very Likely | 8 | Death |
| 10 | Certainty | 10 | Multiple Deaths |

| | | BEFORE CONTROLS | | |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----|
| HAZARDS | | LIKELIHOOD x SEVERITY = RISK RATING | | |
| 1 | Equipment not used appropriately | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 2 | Deterioration of equipment | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 3 | Children out of sight | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 4 | Long grass/nettles | 6 | 2 | 8 |

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|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| LOW (1 – 30) | MEDIUM (30 – 40) | HIGH (40 – 80) | VERY HIGH (80 – 100) |
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Who Might Be Harmed?

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|---|----------|
| 1 | Children |
| 2 | Adults |

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Controls

| Detail all appropriate controls stating whether they are currently in place. Where an appropriate control is identified but not operational tick the No column and detail further action in the table below. | | IN-SITU | |
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| | | YES | NO |
| 1 | Use of playing area rules on website | Y | |
| 2 | Regular safety inspections | Y | |
| 3 | One entrance in and out, with picnic bench immediately adjacent for parents to have a full view of the play area and exit/entrance | Y | |
| 4 | Grass cutter employed all year, seasonally appropriate care | Y | |

Risk Rating After Controls

| | | LIKELIHOOD x SEVERITY = RISK RATING | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Equipment not used appropriately | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 2 | Deterioration of equipment | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | Children out of sight | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 4 | Long grass/nettles | 2 | 2 | 4 |

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Further Action Required

| Specify any further action required | | Date Completed |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | Non required | |

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| Assessment completed by: | H.Jones |
| Date: | 4/12/2022 |
| Signed: | |
| Confirmation that detailed controls will be implemented at all material times: | |
| Signed: | |
| Date: | |
| Position: | Clerk |

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