

Maids Moreton Parish Council

PLAYING FIELD AND PLAY AREA RISK ASSESSMENT

(To include risks relating to Covid 19)

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Review Date	As required under Covid 19 Regulations or January 2022

RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

KEY (People at risk)	Likelihood (L)	Severity (S)	Risk Calculation	Risk Rating	
E = Employee YP = Young Persons P = Public C = Contractors V = Visitors	1. Very Low (rare/very unlikely) 2. Low (unlikely) 3. Medium (could occur/possible) 4. High (likely to occur/probable) 5. Very High (near certain to occur)	1. Insignificant (nuisance/discomfort) 2. Minor (no lost time) 3. Moderate (time loss) 4. Significant (serious/incapacity to work) 5. Major (Death)	Likelihood x Severity = Rating	1-6 8-16 17-25	LOW RISK - Monitor MEDIUM RISK - Monitor, review & reduce risk where possible HIGH RISK - Further Action Required

Hazards Identified and potential harm it could cause	People at risk	Controls in place	Risk Rating				Further Action Required/Recommendations	Target Date for Completion
			L	S	Score	Risk		
Litter/glass etc. causing injury.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of area. Litter picking carried out as required. 	3	2	6	L		
Discarded syringes etc.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of area. Safe litter picking procedures. Safe disposal of collected materials. 	2	3	6	L		
Dog faeces causing infection / toxocara canis.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibit dog walking on site so far as is reasonably practicable. Signage prohibiting dog walking on site. 	3	3	9	M	Ongoing monitoring of dog use and dog faeces issues. Planned "permitted path" being investigated to move dog walkers to perimeter of playing field.	Current
Poisonous / thorny plants Skin irritation, scratches etc.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of areas for unsuitable plants and weeds. Grounds maintenance procedures including safe disposal where necessary. 	1	1	2	L	Planned clearance of shrubs and brambles on the southeast corner of the playing fields.	March 2021
Hard surfaces – injury through falling.	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of surface type with respect to age of child and usage. Suitable play surfaces installed around play equipment in accordance with British Standards. Adequate supervision of children by parent or guardian. 	2	2	4	L		
Defective ground surfaces e.g. potholes causing trips and injury.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of area. Reporting procedure for defects. Prompt remedial action. 	2	2	4	L		
Trespassers causing vandalism, assault, harassment etc.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well maintained fencing of play park. Adequate supervision by parent or guardian when children are at play. 	1	1	2	L		

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Defective playground equipment and fixed apparatus causing injury.	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of playground equipment. Maintenance of equipment. 	3	3	9	M	To set up an annual inspection and maintenance regime with an approved company of fixed apparatus.	Annually
Transmission of Covid 19 through use of play equipment.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended number of children on each piece of play equipment in the play park.* Recommended limit of 15 children with 1 responsible adult per family unit in the play park. Recommended 30 minutes time limit to ensure all users can access the play park. Banners reminding users of current legislation put up in the play park. 	2	3	6	L	Regularly updating signs to comply with current government legislation.	Ongoing

- * swings x 1 child per swing x 4 swings
- * slide x 2 children
- * large climbing frame x 2 children
- * small climbing frame x 2 children
- * roundabout x 2 children
- * see saw x 2 children
- * rockers x 1 child each x 2 rockers
- * multi-rocker x 2 children
- * Total 18 children capacity. Limit to 15 as not all pieces of equipment will be in use at the same time.

Banners were installed in the play area during the summer of 2020 informing the public of their responsibilities and the recommendations of the Parish Council.

Considered, but not put into practice.

- * **Washing of play equipment.** It was felt impractical to instigate a washing regime for the play equipment as it would take only 1 infected visitor to be in the park for Covid 19 to be transferred to any furniture within this boundary. This could happen at any time and washing the play equipment once or twice a day would not necessarily eliminate this cross contamination. Any washing regime would be expensive for the council to fund. Signs have been put up asking responsible adults to ensure they wash children's hands or use hand sanitiser after using the equipment.

- * **Provision of hand sanitiser.** It was felt that any provision of hand sanitiser would be used very quickly, and replacements would be difficult and expensive to instigate. Signs have been put up asking responsible adults to ensure they wash children's hands or use hand sanitiser after using the equipment.
- * **One Way System.** The play park is aimed at small children and it was felt a one-way system would be complicated for them to use or understand. The play equipment has plenty of space between items and it was felt that any responsible adults would ensure social distancing guidelines were followed.