

Risks identified by David Bracey Play Safety Inspections - 26th June 2020

Rating system:

Very low risk 1 – 3 Monitor

Low risk 4 – 7 Monitor and take reasonable action if possible

Medium risk 8 – 12 Take action to reduce if possible, or available

High risk 13 – 20 Take action immediately and access control measures

Unacceptable high risk 21+ Remove or immobilise before taken immediate action and assessment of control measures

WILBY ROAD:

	Piece of Equipment	Risk Rating	Problem	Action
1.	Access	2		Monitor
2.	Gates	5	Rear gate – entrapment on the side of gate Main pedestrian self-closer gate – closing mechanism does not work correctly and the gate does not close. Area is not now dog proof.	Adjust gate/post/fit new rubber buffer Work to allow gate to self-close. From open gate should not close in less than 5 seconds.
3.	Fences	3		Monitor
4.	Signs	5	Recommend “ownership” signs	See note below
5.	Litterbins	2		Monitor
6.	Grass	2		Monitor
7.	Seat	2		Monitor
8.	Picnic Bench	2		Monitor
9.	Pathways	2		Monitor
10.	Free/Fall Space	3		Monitor
11.	Traffic Clashes	3		Monitor
12.	Design Defects	3		Monitor
13.	Cleanliness	2		Monitor
14.	1 bay 2 Cradle Seat	5	Some chain wear. Shackle bolt Surface tiles are lifting	Monitor and replace at 40% wear. Remove shackle bolt and check bush and shackle pin, replace if necessary. Re-glue and fill gaps and joints as necessary.

15.	Playzone multiplay	6	Hard object in fall area – metal bar at bottom of net Surface area: Weed growth may damage surface	Monitor only – low risk Remove weed growth and treat with appropriate non-toxic or non-residual sprays.
16.	Seesaw	3		Monitor
17.	Adventure Trail	4		Monitor
18.	Roundabout	4		Monitor
19.	2 Bay 1 Basket/2 Flat Seat Swing	6	Finger entrapments in plastic fixings on basket Surface area: Weed growth may damage surface	Monitor only – low risk Remove weed growth and treat with appropriate non-toxic or non-residual sprays
20.	Climbing Frame	4		Monitor

ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION WAS **LOW RISK**

WESTHALL:

	Piece of Equipment	Risk Rating	Problem	Action
21.	Access	2		Monitor
22.	Gates	6	Play area is not dog proof	Self-closer mechanism to be fitted.
23.	Fence	3		Monitor
24.	Signs	5	Ownership and No Dogs signs recommended	See note below
25.	Litterbin	2		Monitor
26.	Grass	2		Monitor
27.	Seat	2		Monitor
28.	Picnic Benches	2		Monitor
29.	Free/Fall Space	3		Monitor
30.	Design Defects	3		Monitor
31.	Traffic Clashes	3		Monitor
32.	Cleanliness	2		Monitor
33.	Springy Ladybird	3		Monitor
34.	Springy Flower	3		Monitor

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35.	1 Bay 2 Cradle seat Swing	5	Cracks in support timbers – replace when 12mm gaps are found	Monitor – low risk
36.	Waxham 1	5	Algae on steps – may be slippery when wet	Remove algae from steps
37.	Roundabout	3		Monitor
38.	Rota	4		Monitor
39.	Lavenham 1	6	Cracks in support posts Damaged areas in support posts	Monitor cracks Smooth down damaged areas
40.	Goals x 2	7	Finger entrapments – posts and cross bar Worn areas and too close to play areas	Infill holes Move goal 10 meters to avoid worn area and move further away from play items Remove exposed stones (at road end)
41.	Cableway	4		Monitor
42.	2 Bay 1 Basket/2 Flat Seat Swing	6	Finger entrapments in plastic fixings	Monitor – Low risk
43.	Seesaw	3		Monitor

ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION WAS **LOW TO MEDIUM RISK**

Signage:

Should include the following:

- Contact details to report damage or accidents
- Telephone number and/or email address
- Post code of play area
- Notice regarding age of users: “This area is to be used by children under 8 only” as an example. *Councillors to review age restrictions for both play parks to determine if this is necessary.*
- Dogs banned signs at Westhall. Pictogram ‘No Dogs’ signs are strongly recommended.

Other (non ROSPA)

Westhall – Lavenham 1 – Adventure Play, manufacturer recommends rust removed and metal rail/post repainted using Hammerite paint.