










STOW ON THE WOLD TOWN COUNCIL

POST COVID LOCKDOWN MEASURES RISK ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT OF SPRING GARDENS ALLOTMENTS PLAYGROUND

Stow on the Wold Town Council own and maintain the above playground. This is a small play area located within the allotments site and is accessed via The Park. The council commission an annual inspection of all the equipment and area which is carried out by a fully qualified RoSPA Inspector. The equipment and area are also checked on a fortnightly basis by Cottage Garden Services (CGS) and a written report is submitted to council. At the same time the bin is emptied and rubbish disposed of. Due to Covid-19 pandemic and to adhere to social distancing rules and legislation laid down by the Government on play areas further measures have been put in place as detailed below.

Hazard/Risk	Persons at risk	Controls in Place	Severity	Comments
Trips, slips and falls	Anyone entering the play area – members of public, council employees & contractors etc	Grass cutting carried out on a regular basis Fortnightly inspections by CGS.	Medium	Independent risk assessment carried out on 20/07/2020 by Greenfields identified a problem with safety surface shrinking and lifting creating a possible trip hazard. Obtaining costs to rectify asap.
Contact with sharp objects and/or drug paraphernalia, broken glass etc	Anyone entering the play area – members of public, council employees & contractors etc	Ownership signage gives contact details for the council for anyone to report any issues. Fortnightly checks by CGS.	Medium	Youths do hang around in this area in the evening. Situation to be monitored to prevent ASB to neighbouring properties.
Contracting disease from bird droppings on playground equipment	Anyone entering the play area – members of public, council employees & contractors etc	Ownership signage gives contact details for the council for anyone to report any issues. Fortnightly checks by CGS.	Medium	

	<p>Anyone entering the play area – members of public, council employees & contractors etc</p>	<p>Installation of extra signage at entry to the play area that depicts:- <i>Time limit to ensure everyone has the opportunity to use it safely.</i> Advice re sanitising hands and avoid touching your eyes & mouth. <i>Adhere to 2 metre social distancing and not to enter if this cannot be adhered to.</i> Disposal of litter. <i>Only 1 family member to accompany a child.</i> Do not eat or drink in the play area.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	
	<p>Anyone entering the play area – members of public, council employees & contractors etc</p>	<p>Encourage users to take their litter home or if not dispose of in the bin supplied. Bins are emptied on a fortnightly basis by CGS and litter removed from site.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>If rubbish increases may have to consider emptying bin on a weekly basis. Needs monitoring.</p>
	<p>Anyone entering the play area – members of public, council employees & contractors etc</p>	<p>Encourage social distancing by installation of signage on equipment that depicts safer use:- <i>Only 1 user/family group on roundabout</i></p>	<p>High</p>	

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	<p>Anyone entering the play area – members of public, council employees & contractors etc</p>	<p>Adhere to social distancing. One swing has been removed to comply with social distancing.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Swing will be reinstalled when safe to do so.</p>
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	<p>Anyone entering the play area – members of public, council employees & contractors etc</p>	<p>Encourage social distancing by installation of signage on equipment that depicts safer use:- <i>Only 1 user/family group on this piece of play equipment.</i></p>	<p>Medium</p>	

Additional risk assessment to ensure compliance with Covid 19 legislation in relation to playgrounds carried out w/c 13th July 2020 by Greenfields and is in addition to the annual inspection carried out by RoSPA Inspector in April 2020.