

PLAY POLICY

Cringleford Parish Council

The Council recognises that children need and want to take risks when they play. Play provision aims to respond to these needs and wishes by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, the Parish Council aims to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks of death or serious injury. Parish council owned play equipment is inspected in line with current regulations.

Cringleford Parish Council promotes:

- The **value of play** as essential for physical, emotional and spiritual growth and for intellectual, educational and social development
- **Access** to play spaces for all children regardless of ability or background
- The importance of **acceptable levels of risk** in play and the responsibility to make sure children are not exposed to unacceptable risk of death or permanent disabling injury by providing safe equipment which is inspected in line with current regulations.
- The opportunity for people of **all ages** to be able to share play spaces where possible
- The creation of **beautiful spaces** that inspire, engage, challenge and are well cared for
- The **involvement** of children, young people and other members of the local community in the design and management of play spaces.

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