

PLAY EQUIPMENT POLICY

Cringleford Parish Council

The Council recognises that children may wish 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 minimise risks.

Risk is managed by:

- Parish Council owned play equipment being inspected in line with current regulations*, including an annual formal inspection by an external company.
- Reports of vandalism, damage or litter being promptly dealt with.
- Playgrounds for younger children being fenced off to help avoid children wandering away from their parent / carer.
- Ensuring that any new playgrounds or playground equipment is of sufficient quality and installed correctly by appointing an external play inspection company to provide a report.

Cringleford Parish Council supports:

- 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 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.

*Current regulations:

-BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

-BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation

-BS EN 15312 Free access multi-sports equipment

-BS EN 14974 Skateparks

-BS EN 16630 Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment

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