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Blaby Parish Council

GENERAL POLICY NO.12

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS: SAFETY AND MANAGEMENT

1. SITES

- a. Oakfield Park, Hospital Lane, Blaby.
- b. Northfield Park, Leicester Road, Blaby.
- c. The Crescent Play Area, The Crescent/Western Drive, Blaby.

2. CONSULTATION

Children are involved in equipment selection whenever possible.

3. SITING OF NEW EQUIPMENT

Is in accordance with manufacturer's advice, taking into account minimum use zones, i.e. spaces around equipment, which prevent use of one piece of equipment interfering with the use of an adjacent piece.

4. NEW EQUIPMENT

At purchase will meet British Standards.

5. SAFER SURFACING

- a. Is installed with all new items of equipment.
- b. Is regularly inspected and topped up (bark) or repaired (safety surfacing) as required.

6. INSPECTIONS

Equipment is inspected;

- a. Monday to Friday by Council employees (written inspection – Monday (except Bank Holidays) and visual, remainder of week).
- b. Annually by an independent specialist.

7. REPAIRS

- a. Carried out immediately where possible, or as soon as possible otherwise.
- b. If immediate repair is not possible, the equipment is taken out of use, if use is liable to be dangerous.

8. MAINTENANCE OF SITES

- a. Maintenance of grassed areas is on-going. Grass is cut regularly and the area litter-picked as required.
- b. Glass is removed immediately.
- c. Litterbins and seats are repaired as required.
- d. Offensive graffiti is removed/painted over immediately. Otherwise, as time allows.

9. DOGS

- a. Oakfield Park, Northfield Park and The Crescent Play Area are covered by Poop-Scoop Byelaws which require owners to clean up after their dogs. Dog waste bins are provided. These bins are emptied weekly.
- b. Northfield Park and Oakfield Park– Dogs are prohibited from the Children's Fenced Play Area.

10. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Golf, motorcycling and horse riding are banned.

11. INSURANCE

- a. Public Liability insurance of £10 million has been taken out.
- b. The Council's insurers, Came & Company, are aware that some old items of play equipment do not conform to British Standards, but are well-maintained.

12. SIGNS

All sites have signs indicating ownership, including a telephone number for emergencies.

13. ACCIDENTS

A register is kept of details of all accidents, however trivial, reported to the Council.