

## Playground Report for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The equipment and playground were inspected on 3<sup>rd</sup> (but rain stopped play) and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the general appearance is reasonable. The grass looks acceptable.

The bench outside the playground has a broken lath that needs replacing.

There was another split fence upright plank which I have removed, glued back together and have yet to replace.

I also have replaced most of the bolt covers on the four-way bouncer as they were very faded and made the equipment look old. The PC purchased the replacements yellow covers but it appears that counting is not one of my skills as I have run out before finishing the job so I have ordered a few more at my expense.

There are some actions, none of which is classed as major as a result of the ROSPA inspection and report.

The south gate was not satisfactory. The slam gap is now non-existent. A major resetting of the gate post is needed. Not a five-minute job....

The safety surface is still a problem, although not a major issue to be dealt with immediately.

Other than these items identified by ROSPA I am listing the following.

One of the half-round steps on the infant climbing frame and one on the junior climbing frame area showing signs of splitting due to age or rot and will need replacement later this year. The picnic table in the middle of the playground still has two bolts that could do with tightening on one of the benches (not urgent and a significant job as the bolts have seized).

As to the rest of the equipment: -

The spinner, bouncing horse and Infant climbing frame are all in sound condition

The Junior climbing frame, swings and bouncer (see note above) are all in sound condition.

The significant general problem is the safety surfacing as this is shrinking away from the wooden edging to the surfacing and this still needs repair.

Over the other side of the field, the Picnic area looks good having just mowed it.

I have received a key for the bin in the picnic area to allow me to empty the bin, but it is almost full again

Robin Stafford Allen. May 2021.