

Report to the Parish Council, July 2021
School Liaison and Parish Playground

There are no matters arising with/ from the school.

The toddler playground, which is maintained by the PC, had its annual inspection in March by Playsafety Ltd, who are licenced by RoSPA. Mark Thomas and Laura Bell visited the park and reviewed the report and its recommendations.

Most aspects of the park assessed in the report were classified as very low risk /requiring no further action. We are advised to keep an eye on the state of the grass surfaces and the edges of the rubber surfaces for wear and tear/ unevenness, although these are low risk at present.

There were two remedial actions: one to replace a cover for one of the bolts which fixes the slide to the multi-play equipment, and one to mend/secure one of the wooden panels on the swing frame which is coming loose. MT researching replacement/repairs.

MT also noticed that the hand sanitiser dispenser was not working properly. He has asked David Williams (village shop committee) for advice as the shop has the same dispenser, which David maintains.

In June, Mel Liversage / the PC was contacted by the Pre-School SENCO with a concern about the toddler park gate. Pre-School consider that the gaps between the bars of the gate are too wide and that children could climb through. Mel Liversage asked Playsafety Ltd. to review the email for us. Their assessment was that the model of gate, "is commonly used and has been designed to comply with the British Standards" but suggested that if Pre-School was concerned they could safely put some netting over the gate. ML organised and fitted some netting (thank you). LB wrote to Pre-School to let them know the results of the recent inspection, the feedback from Playsafety Ltd. to their specific concern, and to highlight that netting had been fitted. Pre-School has not yet replied.