

# MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL

**Risk Assessment:** Middlezoy Play Park/Basketball Court/Skate Park and Playing Field

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Middlezoy Parish Council believe that play is a vital component of growing up and is how children develop skills, physical, social and intellectual.

This document is intended to guide Middlezoy Parish Councillors in their role as owners of a play area within the village of Middlezoy managed by the Parish Council. This policy applies only to play equipment upon the land leased by Middlezoy Parish Council as listed on the Asset Register.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 recommends that owners and managers of premises should undertake a risk assessment of their facilities – this includes the children’s playground, skate board park and basket ball court. This document defines and makes clear the duties and responsibilities of the parish council as owners of play equipment within its boundaries. This also includes a risk assessment setting out the key hazards and the Councils risk mitigation process.

The purpose of this document is to:

- Assess the risks relating to the play area
- Provide a formal way for the Parish Council to identify and be notified of potentially dangerous equipment within the area
- Ensure the Council has sufficient information to make decisions on play equipment condition
- Ensure that play equipment damage can be detected in a reasonable time
- Ensure that potentially dangerous equipment is properly dealt with and appropriate action taken

Control measures are then applied to the significant risks.



<b>Poorly Maintained equipment</b>	Council	To avoid additional costs regular maintenance and cleaning recommended		External contractor		
<b>Trapped Parts of the body</b>	Members of the public	Fit appropriate gate fittings and follow HSE guidelines for height/distance between posts	Display warning signs	Council/Clerk/Contractors		
<b>Litter</b>	Members of the public Contractors	Monthly Check of site for excess litter including:  Stones Plastic Glass  Remove and dispose of safely using PPE and litter picking device	Maintain suitable bins	Clerk/Council		
<b>Dog Mess</b>	Users of the playing field	Notices reminding people to be responsible dog owners  Reporting dog fouling to the dog warden		Council  Members of the public		

