

**BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Playground Risk Assessment**

**Adopted by the Full Council on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Physical Equipment or Areas**

<b><u>Risk Identified</u></b>	<b><u>H/M/L</u></b>	<b><u>Management/Control of Risk</u></b>	<b><u>Review/Asses/Revise</u></b>
Falls from height or during use of equipment	L	Impact-absorbing surfacing extending full run-out area; compliant with BS EN 1176 (ROSPA)	Inspect surfacing depth regularly
Slips, trips, and falls	L	Impact-absorbing surfacing; remove debris	Maintain inspection records (PSS Live)
Damaged or faulty equipment	M	Weekly inspections; annual professional inspection	Maintain inspection records (PSS Live)
Large Wooden Climbing frames	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment inspected weekly</li> <li>• Annual inspections and remedials carried out as an when needed</li> <li>• Safe play encouraged – age appropriate heights</li> </ul>	Maintain inspection records (PSS Live)
Vandalism / broken glass	H	Regular inspections; bins provided	Increase monitoring if needed
Dog fouling	L	Dogs not allowed	Increase monitoring if needed
Weather hazards	L	Inspections during extreme weather	Temporary closure if needed
Collision at end stop (Zip Line)	M	Proper braking system (spring/tyre - adequate clearance zone)	Check braking performance during inspections
User collision	L	Encourage supervision	Monitor misuse

(multiple users)			
Equipment failure (including zip line)	M	Routine inspection of fixings	Maintain inspection records (PSS Live)
Entrance gate	L	Rubber buffers fitted at opening and hinge end to prevent finger entrapment. Self-closing spring to ensure gate is not left open. Young children required to be accompanied by an adult.	Maintain inspection records (PSS Live)
Picnic Tables, entrapment in gaps, splinters (wood material)	L	All timber in good condition. Young children should be accompanied by an adult, to prevent falling or being hit by swing.	Maintain inspection records (PSS Live)
Use of Equipment by unsupervised children	M	Encouragement and signage to ensure supervised children at all times.	NFA

SIGNED *ML Snell*

Parish Council Clerk

DATE 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Next review: **May 2027**