



Risk Assessment

Premises - Stoke Lodge Playing Fields

		Potential consequence / severity of outcome				
		1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood of harm occurring / frequency of occurrence		None no injury or adverse effects	Minor first aid injury	Moderate lost time injury	Major hospital treatment	Catastrophic disabling injury or death
Could happen, but probably never will.	1 - Rare	1	2	3	4	5
Not likely to occur in normal circumstances.	2 - Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
May occur at some time.	3 - Possible	3	6	9	12	15
Expected to occur at some time.	4 - Likely	4	8	12	16	20
Likely to occur on many occasions.	5 – Almost certain	5	10	15	20	25

Total	Level of risk	Timescale / action
1 to 5	Low	No additional physical control measures are required; however, monitoring is necessary to ensure controls are maintained.
6 to 10	Medium	3-6 months - efforts should be made to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.
12 to 25	High, or stop	Immediate - work should not be started until the risk has been reduced to an acceptable level. Where the risk involves work in progress, urgent action should be taken. If it is not possible to reduce risk even with unlimited resources, work will have to be stopped.

Guidance in completing this document

Step 1 What are the hazards?	Step 2 Who might be harmed and how?	Raw risk rating	Step 3 What do you have in place?	Step 4 Is anything further needed? Yes / No	Step 5 Action and review	Residual risk rating
Spot hazards by: - Walking around your workplace. - Asking those doing the task what they think. - Checking manufacturers' instructions. - Considering health hazards.	Identify groups of people: - Employees - lone workers - Students - service users - temporary / agency staff - Contractors - Volunteers - members of the public - children (including work experience).	When there are no control measures in place. State total score.	List what is already in place to reduce the likelihood of harm or make any harm less serious, examples include: - guarding - training - procedures, safe systems of work - personal protective equipment (PPE).	You need to make sure that you have reduced risks 'so far as is reasonably practicable'. An easy way of doing this is to compare what you are already doing with good practice. If there is a difference, indicate 'yes' and list what needs to be undertaken in the action column.	Remember to prioritise hazards that are high-risk and have serious consequences first: - List the actions required, who needs to complete them and by when. - Check actions are correctly completed. - Check controls remain in place. - Review the risk assessment annually, or earlier if there is an incident or if the work activity changes.	Level of risk when all control measures are in place. State total score.

Activity / operation / event: Premises - Stoke Lodge Playing Fields								
Establishment: Cotham School						Assessment date: 31 March 2026		
Assessor name / position: Ed Carpenter - Deputy Director of Finance and Resources - IT and Facilities Lead						Review date: 31 March 2027		
Step 1	Step 2	Raw risk rating	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5			
Identify the hazards	Who might be harmed and how?	state total score	What do you have in place?	Anything further needed? Yes / No	Action and review			
					Action required	Residual risk rating state total score	Responsible person	Date completed
Dog faeces on the playing area	- Students - Staff - Members of the public hiring facilities Serious health issues (<i>Toxocariasis</i>)	4	There are 7 points of entry to the playing field area. Each entry point has a sign stating 'No Dogs'. Members of the public are requested to walk dogs outside of the fenced area of the field, it is possible to lock gates to prevent entry should dog walking become an issue on site.	No				
Dog attack	- Students - Staff - Members of the public hiring	6	There are 7 points of entry to the playing field area. Each entry point has a sign stating 'No Dogs'. Members of	No				

	facilities Major injury through dog bites.		the public are requested to walk dogs outside of the fenced area of the field, it is possible to lock gates to prevent entry should dog walking become an issue on site. Gates are locked to prevent access during school use times.					
Violence & Aggression from trespassers gaining access to the playing fields	- Students - Staff - Members of the public hiring facilities Serious Injury - potential for personal injury (possible fractures) and post traumatic stress	4	The entire playing field area is enclosed with a 2m fence. There are 7 points of entry to the playing field area. Gates are locked to prevent access during school use times	No				
Exposure to alcohol and drugs paraphernalia	All legitimate visitors to the site Major Injury	9	There are signs that users of alcohol and drugs have been at Stoke Lodge; a number of NOS canisters and empty alcohol containers have been scattered around the site.	Yes	The Site Services Team undertake a daily (Monday - Friday) Perimeter check to ensure that the site is free of items which may cause harm to our students before lessons begin.	4	Site Services Team	Ongoing

Vehicles on site	• Students • Staff • Members of the public hiring facilities • <i>Risk of environmental harm</i> Major Injury	6	The entire playing field area is enclosed with a 2m fence. There are 4 points of entry to the playing field area, which are usable by vehicles. These gates are locked at all times to prevent access, except to authorised users. Maintenance takes place when students are not on site, and members of the public are requested to vacate the site during machinery use for their own safety. Pedestrian gates are locked to prevent entry/reentry to the site at these times.	No				
Travellers, or other trespassers with the intent to be resident for any period of time.	• Students • Staff • Members of the public hiring facilities • <i>Risk of environmental harm</i>	9	The entire playing field area is enclosed with a 2m fence. There are 4 points of entry to the playing field area, which are usable by vehicles. These gates are locked at all times to prevent access, except to authorised users.	Yes	The Site Services Team undertake a daily (Monday - Friday) Perimeter check to ensure that the site is secure and cannot be entered by unauthorised persons.	4	Site Services Team	Ongoing

	Minor Injury – note, whilst the risk to persons is not great here the risk to the facility and the environment is potentially serious. The risk to the environment and cost of dealing with this has been included in the calculation of the risk rating		There has previously been a traveller encampment (Summer 2022) as well as issues of trespass during legitimate, lawful school use, 2025-2026.					
Antisocial behaviour, vandalism and arson to grounds, trees and buildings	- Students - Staff - Members of the public hiring facilities <i>Risk of environmental harm</i> Minor Injury – note, whilst the risk to persons is not great here the risk to the facility and the environment is potentially serious. The risk to the environment and cost of dealing with this has been included in the calculation of the risk rating	15	The entire playing field area is enclosed with a 2m fence. There are 7 points of entry to the playing field area. Gates are locked to prevent access during school hours. Vandalism of the fence itself and signage relating to the school is evident; this risk likelihood remains high due to existing evidence of an issue. All issues of vandalism or antisocial behaviour are to be reported to the police.	Yes	The Site Services Team will carry out a daily perimeter check (Monday - Friday) and will photograph any new damage to the fence, gates or signage using a TimeStamp Camera. These photos will then be passed on to the management team to log with the police.	4	Site Services Team	Ongoing

Drones or model aircraft	• Students • Staff • Members of the public hiring facilities Serious Injury – note the risk of physical injury from a model aircraft is serious. The level of operational harm is minor. It is illegal to fly drones above or within 150m of sporting events.	4	It would be impossible to control the use of drones over the school site. There are currently laws for the operation of drones above populated areas and sports events. As such, this type of activity would be reportable as a crime. There is a risk that users could fly drones in order to photograph or film students in the school. Risk from physical injury comes from loss of control or failure of the aircraft (crashing).	No				
Rubbish dumping and litter	• Students • Staff • Members of the public hiring facilities • <i>Risk of environmental harm</i> Minor Injury – note, whilst the risk to persons is not great here the risk	4	The entire playing field area is enclosed with a 2m fence. There are 4 points of entry to the playing field area, which are usable by vehicles. These gates are locked at all times to prevent access, except to authorised users.	No				

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Unauthorised events	- Students - Staff - Members of the public hiring facilities <i>Risk of environmental harm</i> Serious Injury – note, whilst the physical risk to authorised persons is not great here the risk to the facility and the environment is potentially serious. The risk to the environment and cost of dealing with this has been included in the calculation of the risk rating	9	The entire playing field area is enclosed with a 2m fence. There are 7 points of entry to the playing field area. Gates are locked to prevent access during school hours. At times, outside of school use the gates are unlocked in daylight hours. The risk of unauthorised events remains; the school should ensure that members of the public are aware that acceptable uses for informal recreation do not include unauthorised organised events, and that gates can be locked at all times if this risk	No				

			arises to prevent future occurrence.					
Students absconding from the site	Students Serious Injury – note the physical risk to students absconding site is no greater than any time they are out on public streets alone. The risk to having implemented adequate safeguarding measures is included in the risk rating	4	The entire playing field area is enclosed with a 2m fence. There are 7 points of entry to the playing field area. Gates are locked to prevent student egress during lessons.	No				