

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER
PARISH COUNCIL**



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Code of Conduct

Play Areas: Rye Crescent, The Naight and Melville.

The Parish Council is committed to providing a safe and inclusive experience for everyone using the playgrounds for fun, socialising, and enjoyment. Help us keep everyone safe by following the rules and being considerate of others.

Enjoy the play areas, play safe, have great fun and be kind.

Siting: All three play areas have been located in positions which are suitable for the purposes of play and recreation. The play areas have been designed to comply with British and European Safety Standards.

Grass as a Play Area Surface [BS EN 1176]: Parts of the playgrounds have grass as a natural material to help in the developmental value of the children using the facility. One of the functions of children's play is about exploring the environment. At The Naight playground, the grassed area at the far end of the site has grass mixed with wildflower seeds and is mowed and maintained to ensure the flowers can be sustained year after year. **The Parish Council will maintain the grass and requests that care is taken not to damage the grassed areas.**

Please do not leave litter in the play areas and use the litter bins provided. The Parish Council will ensure that the bins are emptied, and rubbish collected at regular intervals.

Please take your litter home but, if necessary, please use the bins provided. If necessary please use the bins provided but do not overfill as overflowing litter around the bins can encourage vermin and infestations.

Equipment and Surfacing: All play equipment installed on the playgrounds meets British Standards and is subject to regular inspection, testing and maintenance. Appropriate protective surfaces are provided around the equipment.

Injuries are inevitable on playgrounds. Falls from one level to another are the most common cause of playground injury. Impact absorbing surfaces have been provided where appropriate. Please note there is little scientific evidence that these surfaces prevent injury especially long-bone fractures resulting from body weight descending on the limb or an awkward fall. They do prevent joint injuries and reduce the severity of relatively rare head injuries.

The function of child's play is to explore the environment, ensure tactile sensation of objects, equipment investigation, fantasy play and search for different modalities of fun, which imbues and stimulates body and mind. This may lead to injuries. We would strongly recommend supervision during the entire duration of play.

We would strongly recommend supervision of all children under the age of 12 during the entire duration of play.

Multi Use Game Area (MUGA) at The Naight: The MUGA area has been appropriately fenced to prevent injuries to all users. Please only use the MUGA up to 8pm in the evenings, as per site signage. This is to prevent noise disturbance to nearby neighbours of the site. This would also apply to the use of the Zip-wire in The Naight.

Ancillary Items: Parish Council has provided seating areas, benches, and litter bins in all three playgrounds.

Pets:

Dogs, other than assistance dogs, are **not allowed** in the playgrounds.

- At The Naight, a third of the grassed area can be used to exercise dogs. In line with the by-laws, all dogs must be kept on a lead.
- It is against the law to let a dog roam dangerously out of control in a public area and playgrounds. Please ensure that dogs are always kept under control.
- Clean up after your dog has fouled.

General Guidelines

1. Please adhere to the age appropriateness when using the equipment in all three playgrounds as clearly indicated by the signage.
2. Please do not use the playground outside the hours mentioned on the signage.
3. Adults should refrain from using toddler and children equipment.
4. Alcohol should not be consumed on the playground.
5. It is illegal to take or deal in drugs.
6. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) will not be tolerated on the playground.
7. Anti-social behaviour will be reported to the Police.
8. Harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated in any form.
9. Threatening, intimidation or violent language and / or physical conduct will not be tolerated the playgrounds.
10. Always obtain written consent from parents or the responsible adult before photographing or filming children or other playground users.

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council has provided the playgrounds for children, parents/carers, adolescents and adults to enhance social wellbeing, boost physical health and happiness, and improve mental welfare.

- Please be considerate to fellow users.
- Please be considerate to the neighbours around the playground.
- Please do not engage in antisocial behaviour.

References:

1. www.hse.gov.uk
2. Occupiers Liability Act (1984)
3. Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974
4. Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
5. Environmental Protection Act (1990)

Contacting the Parish Council

Please inform the Parish Council of any accidents, incidents or damaged equipment in any of our play areas. In addition, any other feedback on the play areas can be sent to The Clerk, Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council, Council Office, The George Moore Community Centre, Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire GL54 2AZ.

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