



INSPECTIONS & MAINTENANCE

HELLO!

The School Playground Company combines educational understanding with over 25 years of design experience to create stimulating play environments that allow children to learn in an exciting space.

We pride ourselves in working with you and providing a high quality solution, tailored to your needs.

We specialise in School Playground equipment for Schools and Academies throughout the Midlands including Coventry, Leicester, Nottingham and Birmingham, and our experienced installers are fully insured, and DBS checked. All products we offer & install fully comply with standard BS EN 1176.

We're a small, focused team who believe in doing the job right and pride ourselves on our attention to detail from start to finish, including outstanding after sales service at no extra cost.



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OPERATION, INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE OF YOUR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Regularly inspecting your playground equipment, surfacing, and the wider general playground environment ensures it remains a safe place for children to play, have fun and learn. It helps to plan and follow a timetable of regular playground inspections, which then results in any required maintenance work or preventative actions being detected and implemented as soon as possible.

In an educational setting, playgrounds should be inspected by a responsible member of staff on a daily basis, or before less regular use, to ensure that the playing space remains safe. However, a more detailed, scheduled, regular maintenance inspection should always take place. This can be easily set up and carried out in-house by your establishment and then any advice sought regarding any maintenance work required. During an inspection, should pieces of the equipment be deemed unsafe and cannot be replaced or corrected immediately, the equipment should be secured against further use.

IMPORTANT : a copy of your inspection and maintenance records will be required when making any claim under your guarantee.

PLAY EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

All new outdoor play equipment must be designed, constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with European standards BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177.

These European standards are not retrospective or a legal requirement but represent good practice in the event of an accident claim. Play equipment which was considered safe under BS 5696 will still be safe under the new standards.

It is very important that you arrange to have your playground equipment inspected on an annual basis by a RPII accredited and qualified Annual Inspector. This ensures that all elements are independently tested, checked appropriately and ensure that all playground equipment remains fit for purpose and in the best condition. If you haven't arranged your annual inspection, then please contact The School Playground Company and we will make arrangements to book your independent annual inspection on the anniversary of your installation date.



OUR INSPECTION PACKAGES

At The School Playground Company we have the expertise to inspect and maintain playgrounds and play equipment to the highest standards, even if it's not installed by ourselves. We offer two inspection and maintenance options:

STANDARD PACKAGE



- 2 Operational Inspections per year undertaken by RPII Inspectors
- Comprehensive report with photos highlighting any findings
- Inclusive of essential maintenance and minor repair works at no additional cost

£229 per year (exc. VAT)

ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE



- 1 Annual Inspection carried out by an independent RPII Inspector
- 2 Operational Inspections per year undertaken by RPII Inspectors
- Comprehensive report with photos highlighting any findings
- Inclusive of essential maintenance and minor repair works at no additional cost

£479 per year (exc. VAT)

Both packages provide evidence that a complete and thorough process of protecting children in play spaces is achieved.



OPERATIONAL INSPECTIONS

According to BS EN 1176 Part 7, it is crucial to conduct operational inspections on a monthly or quarterly basis, depending on the results of a risk assessment. These inspections play a vital role in ensuring the ongoing safety and functionality of playground equipment.

PURPOSE OF OPERATIONAL INSPECTIONS

Operational inspections provide a detailed assessment of the playground equipment's condition.

Key objectives include:

- **Quality Control:** Serving as a check on the findings of more frequent inspections.
- **Identifying Wear and Tear:** Spotting signs of deterioration or damage early to prevent safety hazards.
- **RPII (Register of Play Inspectors International) Operational Inspector:** Have the confidence that an accredited Operational Inspector will be carrying out the inspection.

IMPORTANCE OF DOCUMENTATION

All findings from the inspections should be thoroughly recorded.

Documentation is essential for:

- **Tracking Equipment Condition:** Maintaining a history of inspections helps identify patterns in wear and tear.
- **Compliance Verification:** Providing evidence of adherence to safety standards and regulations.
- **Informed Decision Making:** Assisting in planning maintenance and addressing issues promptly.





ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

According to BS EN 1176 Part 7, conducting an Annual Inspection of playground equipment is essential for ensuring safety and compliance. This inspection must be carried out by an independent specialist who is not affiliated with the playground operator or owner, guaranteeing an unbiased evaluation.

KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE ANNUAL INSPECTION

The annual inspection covers several critical aspects to ensure the playground's overall safety:

- **Vandalism Assessment:** Identifying any damage or alterations caused by misuse or vandalism.
- **Wear and Tear:** Evaluating the condition of equipment to detect signs of deterioration over time.
- **Long-Term Structural Problems:** Assessing the integrity of the equipment and identifying potential structural issues as the Inspector will be carrying out the inspection.
- **Standards Compliance:** Ensuring that all equipment meets current safety standards and regulations.
- **Design Evaluation:** Reviewing the design of the playground to ensure it promotes safe play for children.
- **Risk Assessment:** Conducting a thorough risk assessment to identify and mitigate potential hazards.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING

The findings from the annual inspection are compiled into a detailed report, which provides an overview of the playground's safety. This report is essential for:

- **Identifying Safety Risks:** Highlighting areas that require immediate attention or repairs.
- **Planning Maintenance:** Assisting in prioritizing maintenance and upgrades to keep the playground safe and functional.
- **Documentation:** Serving as evidence of adherence to safety regulations for insurers and governing bodies.

IMPORTANT: your Product Guarantees and Warranties will not be valid if you do not carry out an annual inspection with a qualified annual inspector.



MAINTENANCE SERVICES

At The School Playground Company, our inspectors are not only experts in safety assessments but are also fully trained in repairs and maintenance. This dual expertise allows us to address minor issues on-site during inspections, ensuring your playground remains safe and functional with minimal downtime.

ON-SITE MINOR REPAIR SERVICES

During your inspections, our trained inspectors can carry out a variety of minor repair works, including:

- **Replacement of Caps:** Maintaining a history of inspections helps identify patterns in wear and tear.
- **Tightening Fixtures & Fittings:** Providing evidence of adherence to safety standards and regulations.
- **Minor Repairs:** Assisting in planning maintenance and addressing issues promptly.

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PACKAGES

With our School Playground Company package, you also benefit from:

- **Quotations for Third-Party Equipment:** We can provide detailed quotes for repairs or replacements of equipment not supplied by us, ensuring you have a complete overview of your playground needs.

By choosing The School Playground Company, you gain a partner committed to the safety and maintenance of your playground. Our inspectors not only assess but can also resolve minor issues on the spot, helping you maintain a safe, enjoyable environment for children.





PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

A clear systematic playground inspection plan is recommended involving 3 levels of inspection. Inspection findings must be clearly and systematically recorded, reports and maintenance logs kept.

ROUTINE VISUAL INSPECTION

A routine inspection is recommended to identify any hazards that may be the result of vandalism or severe weather conditions. The routine visual inspection should take place either daily or weekly (depending on the level of usage). New playgrounds are often subject to above average use and, therefore, we advise daily visual checks are made during the first few weeks of use. The following daily visual inspection checks are recommended as a minimum:

- **Cleanliness**
- **Ground clearances for your equipment**
- **Loose and hard objects within the CFH (Critical Fall Height) space**
- **Ground surface**
- **Signs of rot**
- **Exposed foundations**
- **Protrusions and sharp edges**
- **Missing parts**
- **Loose fixings**
- **Excessive wear of moving parts**
- **Structural integrity**





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