

## **The Sentry – Annual Safety Inspection 2026**

### Summary of Key Findings

**Overall risk level:** All items rated Very Low or Low risk

#### **1. General Overview**

The play area is in overall good condition, with only minor maintenance issues identified. Most items have no remedial tasks and meet the relevant EN 1176 safety standards.

#### **2. Ancillary Items – Key Findings**

##### **Gates**

- **Issue:** Worn ground areas
- **Action:** Make good worn ground surface
- **Risk level:** Low

##### **General Surface**

- **Issue:** Grass, moss or weeds present
- **Action:** Remove unintended grass, moss or weeds
- **Risk level:** Very Low

#### **3. Primary Play Items – Key Findings**

##### **Swing – Mixed (2 Bay, 2 Junior, 2 Toddler)**

- **Issue:** Surface wearing
- **Action:** Monitor for significant deterioration and rectify when necessary
- **Risk level:** Low

##### **Rocker – Sweeping Seesaw**

- **Issue:** Chain link connectors notched and corroding
- **Action:** Monitor the base plate (corroding and notched)
- **Risk level:** Low

##### **Climber – Overhead Bars**

- **Issue:** Surface under bars must be kept in good condition
- **Action:** Maintain surfacing; monitor regularly
- **Risk level:** Low

##### **Timber Components (General Note)**

- **Issue:** Natural splits/shakes in timber, including through fixing points
- **Action:** DO NOT fill shakes... Ensure the fixings are fully secure on regular basis
- **Additional issue:** Some timber decay; check routinely

#### **4. Overall Assessment**

- All equipment meets the relevant EN 1176 standards.
- Only minor maintenance tasks are required, mainly relating to:
  - Ground wear
  - Vegetation on surfaces
  - Monitoring of timber condition
  - Monitoring of swing surfacing and seesaw connectors
- No high-risk findings were identified.