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Denyse Healy  
Principal Blenheim School

Dear Denyse,

To confirm with you my recommendations for the junior playground at your school.

This area is in a very poor state and is now at the stage of needing a lot of remedial work in order for it to be maintained in a safe condition for the children to play on.

This will worsen from now on at a more rapid pace due to the age of the structure.

I would envisage that withing one to two years the cost of ongoing maintenance will make it unviable and the decission will need to be made as to the economics of maintaining verses new. I would advocate new for the reason that the children would have better items to develop their skills in a safer environment.

Such reploacement can be staged depending on the design. Generally the trend is to compact a playground to give maximum use in a smaller area. This is done to save both space and costs. A smaller area would be cheaper to cover with soft fall while still giving a great play area.

Yours faithfully



Trevor Gardiner  
Playground Inspector Level II

