



Gritting Plan

Last reviewed: November 2019

Next Review date: Autumn Term 2020

The approved code of practice which supports the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations states that 'arrangements should be made to minimise risks from snow and ice. This may involve gritting, snow clearing and closure of some routes...' All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that the establishment remains open as normal. A risk assessment is in place which covers the hazards associated with snow and ice on our premises.

The Caretaker (or Headteacher in their absence) monitors local weather forecasts in order to react to situations as quickly as possible and implement any special measures. These include, where reasonably practical, staff starting work earlier to commence the gritting plan. The gritting of school is undertaken by our Site Supervisor and when available our Site Technicians.

- A path, 1 metre wide is created from the site entrance on Cherry Orchard to the main building entrance. If practical this is extended to the pedestrian entrance on Sturgeons Hill. (Parents will be advised by text which entrances are open and accessible.).
- A path will also be cleared to the mobile. If this is not possible the Year 3 classes will be relocated in the dining hall and computer suite in the main building.
- Cleared paths are treated with salt / grit to maintain a clear pathway especially where temperatures remain below freezing.
- If the slope by the mobile remains in a dangerous condition, access to the mobile will be prevented.
- As time permits other pathways to entrances and between buildings will be cleared and gritted. These paths should also be 1 metre wide.
- Due to the surface of the car park this cannot be gritted.
- In the event of extreme snow and ice, the Bursar will contact County Grounds to seek support in clearing the school site.

The school does not have responsibility for gritting the pavements outside school.

Where the Headteacher or Site Supervisor have concerns over the safety of certain external pathways, circulation routes, playgrounds etc, affected areas will be taken out of use. If there is a requirement to prevent access to paths, slopes or other areas then these will be marked clearly using signs / cones / tape, as appropriate, to ensure that everyone is aware.

Where playgrounds remain excessively slippery due to compacted snow and ice, it may be necessary for pupils to be accommodated indoors at break times. If playgrounds remain in use, supervision levels will need to be increased. Communication with staff is via SIMS messaging and the staffroom notice board. Such decisions will be taken by the Deputy Headteacher.

All staff are aware of the gritting plan.

Parents are advised during the Autumn Term of the plans and procedures put in place for dealing with snow and ice around school premises.

Should a decision be taken to close the school due to bad weather, the Headteacher will ensure the Emergency Closures procedure is implemented.