

This policy is part of our overall duty and care under Health and Safety.

POLICY & PROCEDURES

- It is the responsibility of site staff to grit the car park and pedestrian paths. The Janitor and Site Supervisor will assume responsibility in the light of poor conditions developing
- All who use the site must take responsibility for following the gritted paths and access routes when icy conditions exist
- Anyone who discovers a problem during the day in relation to slipping due to icy weather must inform the School Office staff who will inform those appropriate

PROCEDURES

- Sufficient amounts of salt / grit should be on site in anticipation of any adverse weather conditions. It is the responsibility of the caretaker to monitor the use of the grit and to inform the office manager when grit needs to be ordered.
- Weather forecasts should be monitored for information on deteriorating ice/snow conditions.
- Salt or grit should be applied to the car park and pedestrian paths for access to the main office reception, and classroom entrance doors when icy conditions exist
- Signs will be displayed informing pupils, staff, parents and visitors to walk on the gritted areas. (See attached sign)
- Other areas that require gritting will be identified on a risk basis.
- Site management staff should wear suitable footwear/gloves for working in icy conditions and inform the School Office if these need to be provided
- Areas such as steps or slopes that are judged not to be safe even when cleared will be closed and marked accordingly.
- Where playgrounds remain excessively slippery due to snow or ice, the Headteacher (or deputy head in the absence of the headteacher) will make the decision to accommodate pupils indoors at break times. If playgrounds remain in use, supervision levels will be revised.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that the school remains open. However the Head Teacher will have the ultimate decision whether to close the school if the icy conditions are deemed too hazardous.
- Review alongside Health and Safety Policy