



Gritting Policy

Priority Gritting Access

To ensure safe access for pupils, staff, parents/carers the following areas will be gritted. (It is not possible to grit entire site)

- The school will treat access routes the night before if there is good reason to believe that local condition would otherwise be hazardous due to snow/ice
- That the caretaker will clear and grit access routes/priority area identified in the site plan attached as soon as possible on the morning of inclement weather
- During the school day further application of grit will be applied when required to ensure safe exit from the school site at the end of the day
- Whilst every effort will be made to clear snow/ice, it must be remembered that individuals have a responsibility for their own safety and that of others. This means being aware of the potential hazards of walking/driving in icy conditions

Priority Access Routes (Safe Green Route)

1. Main entrance on Rievaulx Avenue
2. Entrance pupil Rievaulx Avenue open 8:45 am close 9:00am
3. Entrance pupil Sidlaw Road open 8:45 am close 9:00am
4. Nursery entrance Danby Walk open 12.15pm close 12.30pm

In the event of snow, a 1 meter path will be cleared in all (Green Route)

Yellow Route

This will be gritted addition to green route on a typical icy day. (But not in exceptional circumstances and/or extreme weather)

Red Area

The following areas will not be gritted:

1. Main yard - Rievaulx Avenue
2. Staff Car Park (STAFF ONLY AT ALL TIMES)
3. Small yard - Sidlaw Road

Extreme caution should be exercised when moving around these areas.

All areas will be monitored throughout the day.

Please note:

- It is not practical to grit a large area of ground. Therefore if it is thought that the playground areas are unsafe due to underfoot conditions, they will not be used during the day. However, should the head teacher decide that it is safe for the children, they will be permitted to play outside.
- At the beginning/end of the day, adults collecting children must use the clearly gritted pathways. (From plan)
- It may be possible for paths to have become unsafe during the day when the caretaker is off site. It is therefore very important that extreme care is taken when coming on to the site later in the day.