

St Peter's C E (A) Primary School, Gritting Plan

The school recognises that arrangements should be made to minimise risks from snow and ice and governors have adopted the LA health and safety guidance on winter weather reference no: G61. This may involve gritting, snow clearing and closure of some areas of the school site. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that the establishments remain open as normal. A risk assessment is in place which covers the hazards associated with snow and ice on the premises and identifies the control measures which need to be implemented. This risk assessment is reviewed annually during the autumn term.

The Site Technician and Head Teacher monitor local weather forecasts in order to react to situations as quickly as possible and implement any special measures. These measures may include staff starting work earlier to commence the gritting plan and the Site Technician will attend the site as soon as possible in the event of snow and ice.

Areas will be cleared in the following order priority (depending on weather conditions, i.e. if all site is affected) and treated with salt/grit to maintain a clear pathway especially where temperatures remain below freezing.

- 1. A pathway 1 metre wide from the rear school entrance to the main hall door.**
- 2. A pathway 1 metre wide from the front of the school gate to the main hall door.**
- 3. A Pathway 1 metre wide from the staff carpark to the main hall door.**
- 4. A Pathway 1 metre from the front school gate to the school front door.**

As time permits, other areas may be cleared and gritted as required.

Where the Head Teacher or Site Technician have concerns over the safety of certain external pathways, areas, playground, etc., affected areas will be taken out of use and marked clearly using signs/cones/tape, as appropriate, to ensure that everyone is made aware.

Before the school gates are open and after school closes parents and carers are responsible for ensuring the wellbeing of their children.

When the playground remains excessively slippery due to compacted snow and ice, it may be necessary for pupils to be accommodated indoors at break times. If the playground does remain in use, it may be appropriate to increase supervision levels. Communication with staff is via the school office, email and verbally, text message and in due course the school app.

Parents are advised during the autumn term of the plans and procedures put in place for dealing with snow and ice around the school premises and information is published on the school website.

Procedures are in place should a decision be taken to close the school due to bad weather and all parents and staff are advised of these procedures during the autumn term via the website.