

Dosthill Primary Academy Gritting Policy



The approved code of practice that supports the workplace, **Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992**, states that ‘arrangements should be made to minimise risks from ice and snow. 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 that covers the hazards associated with ice and snow on our premises.

The Site Supervisor, Headteacher or Senior Assistant Head will monitor local weather forecasts in order to react to situations as quickly as possible and implement any special measures. These include staff starting work earlier to commence the gritting plan.

- A path 1 metre wide from the site entrance to all building entrances is cleared. Steps and ramps are also included as a priority.
- Cleared paths are treated with salt/grit to maintain a clear pathway especially when temperatures remain below freezing.
- If steps and/or ramps remain in a dangerous condition, access to the affected areas will be prevented.
- As time permits, other pathways will be cleared and gritted.
- The car park is not treated as a priority but pathways leading from the car park to the school building will be dealt with as soon as possible.

The school does not have responsibility for gritting the access road (School Lane) to the school.

Where the Headteacher, Senior Staff or Site Supervisor have concerns exist over the safety of certain areas of the school, the affected areas will be taken out of use. If there is a requirement to prevent access to certain areas then these will be clearly marked using signs and/or tape.

Before school starts and after it finishes, parents and carers are responsible for ensuring the wellbeing of their children.

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 be increased.

All staff are aware of the gritting policy and risk assessments.

Should a decision be made to close the school, the Headteacher will inform parents/carers by parentmail and/or text message.

Notification of the school closure will be published on the Dosthill.org website and will also be broadcast from local radio stations.

Staff will be informed via the emergency contact system.