



St Joseph's Catholic Academy Gritting Policy 2023

Snow and Ice The Principal, (or the Assistant Principal in their absence) and the Caretaker, monitor local weather forecasts in order to react to situations as quickly as possible and implement any special measures. If the assessment of the weather means that the school will be closed then the parents are informed by text message and the school added to the school closures list on the LA website. This will be then communicated to local radio.

The following areas will be gritted by the Caretaker (refer to map on appendix one):

- The pedestrian path from Mobberley Road leading directly to the front of the school
- The path leading from Mobberley Road to the KS1 doors and the path adjoining it to the front office
- The driveway across the KS2 yard to allow for a walkway to the Before and After Club
- Nursery and Reception path
- As time permits, other pathways to entrances and between buildings will be cleared and gritted.
- The main school drive will be gritted depending on assessment at the time as it is a steep slope and it is possible that the decision will be made to keep the car park closed. The car park is not treated as priority but the pathways leading from the car park to the building will be dealt with as soon as possible. *(Cars parked on the car park are done so at own risk.)*

Where the Principal or Caretaker 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, steps or other areas then these will be marked clearly using signs/cones/tape, as appropriate, to ensure everyone is made aware.

Before school starts at 8.40 am and after it finishes at 3.20pm, parents and carers are responsible for ensuring the wellbeing of their children and for ensuring that the gritted paths and access routes are followed when icy conditions exist.

Where playgrounds remain excessively slippery due to compacted snow and ice, it may be necessary for pupils to be accommodated indoors at break times. Only children who are suitably dressed will be allowed to play in the snow.

All stakeholders are aware of the gritting plan. This includes staff (including City Catering staff) parents, governors and lettings.

Outside of normal working hours it is the responsibility of the people letting the premises to make a decision about the safety of the un-gritted premises (including car park) before letting their groups come onto site.

Parents will be advised during the autumn term of the plans and procedures put in place for dealing with snow and ice around the school premises.



Appendix One

