

CHEADLE 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 establishment remains 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 Caretaker and Headteacher 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 Caretaker will attend the site as soon as possible in the event of snow and ice.

Areas will be cleared in the following order of 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. PATH 1 – rear staff entrance and CLP entrance
2. PATH 2 – Tean Road gate to Prescott Hall main entrance
3. PATH 3 – school reception to Prescott Hall
4. PATH 4 – entrance gate to main reception
5. PATH 5 – Year 6 entrance to join PATH 2
6. PATH 6 – Year 5 entrance to join PATH 5
7. PATH 7 – Reception entrance to join PATH 2
8. PATH 8 – Year 1 entrance to join PATH 7
9. PATH 9 – Year 2 entrance to join PATH 7
10. PATH 10 – Nursery entrance to join PATH 2
11. PATH 11 – Nursery rear entrance to join PATH 10
12. PATH 12 – Kitchen entrance to join PATH 2
13. PATH 13 – CLP entrance to car park gate
14. PATH 14 – Library entrance to join PATH 3
15. PATH 15 – Year 4 entrance to join PATH 14
16. PATH 16 – Reception rear entrance to join PATH 7

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

Where the Headteacher or Caretaker 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 staffroom notice board, e-mail and verbally.

All staff are aware of the risk assessment, the LA model policy and the gritting plan.

Parents are advised during the autumn term of the plans and procedures put in place for dealing with snow and ice around 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 and via the website.

The Fun Club and Cheadle Kindergarten have been provided with the risk assessment, LA model policy and gritting plan and it is their responsibility to ensure the safety of pupils and parents using their facilities. If the staff of The Fun Club and/or Cheadle Kindergarten feel that it is unsafe for pupils and parents to be on site, then it is their responsibility to notify parents that their facilities are closed.