

Inspirational Learning Academies Trust

GRITTING POLICY

This policy reaffirms the gritting procedures that have been in place since the new building of Whitfield Valley Primary Academy. In the event of adverse ice/snow the Assistant Site Supervisor (ASS) will make an assessment of the paths and roads and classify the priority gritting areas. This will be confirmed by the Head Teacher via a telephone conversation as necessary, but the ASS will grit appropriately on a general basis. He will not be required to telephone the Head Teacher unless the weather is extremely severe and there is a possibility that the school will have to be closed. Weather reports will be taken account of. Grit will be applied by a spreader.

Priority Gritting Access

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

1. The path from the main playground entrance gate to the KS1, KS2 and Reception class entrances.
2. The path from the main entrance to outside the Nursery entrance to the top of the carpark path.
3. In extreme weather conditions the main gates may be closed and no parents/carers/visitors cars allowed on the premises, including disabled drivers. Staff cars may enter at their own risk.
4. The ASS will make the staff carpark and path his first gritting priority at 7.30am and then move on to the paths as stated above.

IF THERE IS A SUDDEN CHANGE IN WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE GRITTING PROCESS ALL USERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AS REASONABLE PROCEDURES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

Further Checks

These areas will be checked, if necessary, at break time by school staff and at dinner time by the lunchtime staff. If conditions worsen towards the end of the day they will be checked by a member of the SLT and appropriate action taken.

Cars On-site

The school allows the car park from the main gates be used by parents but has not got the resources to grit it so it will be closed on these days, if deemed dangerous. If there is a frost it is unlikely to be open and in such conditions parents/carers should not expect to park on the site.

Staff/Parents/Carers and children are advised to allow more time for their journey during snow and icy conditions. They will also be advised to wear suitable footwear and parents/carers are advised where possible to walk their children to school. Registers will be kept open longer on such days.

This information will be regularly communicated to parents/carers and put onto the school website.