

GRITTING POLICY

SANDON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Aims:

To reduce the risk of slips or accidents as a result of ice, frost or snow we have put the following guidelines in place:

- Risk assessment a means to manage the risk through the application of grit or salt.
- Record of gritting applications

Where possible we will endeavour to monitor the temperature, as prevention of ice is key.

We will if possible take action whenever freezing temperatures are forecast and keep up to date by visiting one of the weather service sites below, or on recommendation from the Local Authority.

Met Office website www.metoffice.gov.uk/index.html
BBC Weather website www.bbc.co.uk/weather
Highways Agency website www.highways.gov.uk

The intention will be where practicable to ensure that a delivery system is in place to prevent an icy surface forming and to keep pedestrians off those slippery surfaces which fall outside the gritting plan.

Gritting Plan

At present the only method available to our school is to de-ice all surfaces with rock salt as it is quick to apply, easy to spread and affordable.

Gritting will be carried out when frost, ice or snow is forecast or when walkways are likely to be damp or wet and the floor temperatures are at, or below freezing.

Where possible we will apply grit/salt early in the evening before the frost settles and/or early in the morning before staff, pupils and parents arrive and to ensure surfaces remain ice/snow free we will review the weather conditions throughout the day and re-apply the treatment as required.

Salt can stop ice forming and cause existing ice or snow to melt, but doesn't work instantly; it needs time to dissolve into the moisture on the floor and as such only offers improvement in conditions with increased traffic, be it pedestrian or road traffic, so care will need to be exercised at all times by all users.

All gritting actions will be noted within the Weekly Checklist document under the checklist Actions, confirming areas treated, dates (and times if required) and the cause i.e. ice, snow or a combination of the two. By doing this it will allow for a level of accountability in the event of a complaint or incident.



If the conditions are such that it is deemed unsafe for our children to use the playground, especially at lunchtime, the arrangements will be the same as a wet playtime.

We reserve the right to adjust/amend all routes treated if resources are depleted or not available.

Implementation of the policy

Our school will manage implementation of this policy with the support and guidance of the Local Authority.

General

This policy and its intentions will always reflect the present and future needs of all stakeholders and to support this we are always open to suggestions for changes and alterations of and to any specific individual provision/requirement to ensure full access to all.

Gritting Log Example

Date	Time	Area Treated	Cause