



GRITTING POLICY

SANDON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Review date: September 2025

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.



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