



## Bushbury Lane Academy

# School Gritting Plan

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## Overview

Slip and trip accidents increase during the Autumn and Winter season for a number of reasons: there is less daylight, leaves fall onto paths and become wet and slippery and cold weather spells cause ice and snow to build up on paths.

To ensure the safety of staff, visitors and pupils at school we will adopt a common sense approach to the clearance of snow and ice during periods of bad weather.

Before the winter term we will ensure that we are fully equipped with appropriate snow clearing equipment and adequate stocks of rock salt / sand or grit.

## Areas Covered

This Gritting Plan details the business essential paths we deem essential to the safe operation of the school. In assessing the paths to be cleared and their priority, we have considered:

### **Phase 1: Priority access and egress points with high impact to site operation**

- Main access and egress routes from the site for both staff, visitors and students
- Emergency access routes for ambulance and fire brigade access
- Fire exit routes that exit into external areas

### **Phase 2: Secondary and medium impact paths and routes with some potential impact**

- Play spaces and communal use areas
- Less used egress and entry points
- Car parks and loading bays

### **Phase 3: Infrequently used paths and areas with low impact or which may not be used**

- Play areas
- External stores areas
- Sports fields and maintenance access routes

With this in mind it may be necessary for the normal entrance route to be temporarily closed and alternative entrance and exit arrangements put in place if conditions are too extreme. This is communicated to parents and staff are on hand to guide parents and carers at the beginning and end of school day. It may not be feasible to clear and treat areas outside of the school's property. The school will work with its Local Authority to ensure that key access routes are maintained where feasible and reasonable.

## Responsibilities

### **Head teacher and School Business Manager**

- Carry out a review of these procedures in the first half of the autumn term to ensure their continued relevance.
- Ensure that suitable resources are available on site, including the allocation of budgets for salts and clearances.

- To ensure that all staff are aware of this plan.

### The Caretaker / Premises Manager

- Be responsible for the immediate clearance of snow and ice in designated areas, in line with this policy and the gritting plan.
- Ensure that adequate supplies of all materials needed for snow and ice clearance are in stock.
- Communicate to senior management his implementation of the gritting plan by 7.30am.
- Clear a pathway through snow and ice of a width suitable to allow access for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchairs using a snow scraper or shovel. Once the path has been cleared rock salt or grit will be used to assist in providing extra grip.
- Paths will be regularly checked throughout the day to ensure re-freezing or further snow coverage has not occurred. If it has areas will be re-cleared and gritted as necessary.
- Record when and where has been gritted

### All Staff / Teachers

- Report any deficiency in this plan to the Head Teacher of School Business Manager
- Be responsible for safeguarding their own and colleagues' health and safety in bad weather.
- Wear footwear / clothing appropriate to the conditions.
- Ensure that paths and access routes identified in the gritting plan are used in poor weather
- Provide reasonable guidance and support to students, ensuring that appropriate footwear and clothing is worn.

## Gritting Plan

### Phase 1

No.	Location	Plan Reference	Action
Ex.	<i>Min entrance path from Example Road to front entrance door</i>	#1	<i>Cleared if contaminated and apply rock salt. Check every hour.</i>
1			
2			
3			

## Phase 2

No.	Location	Plan Reference	Action
Ex.	<i>Exit door from read staff room to Block 2 Early Years</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>Apply rock salt and check 3 hourly.</i>
1			
2			
3			

## Phase 3

No.	Location	Plan Reference	Action
Ex.	<i>Path from boiler room to main stores to rear of playground.</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>Cleared if contaminated. No grit to be applied.</i>
1			
2			
3			