



GRITTING PLAN ORCHARD SITE NOVEMBER 2023

The approved code of practice which supports the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) regulations states that 'arrangements should be made to minimise risks from snow and ice. This may include gritting, snow clearing and closure of some routes. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that the establishment stays open as normal. A risk assessment is in place which covers the hazards associated with snow and ice on our premises. The school is responsible for any part of their premises within Staffordshire County Council ownership.

During the Autumn Term, the school office will ensure that adequate stocks of grit/salt have been ordered and are in place. During the winter the Headteacher and Deputy Headteachers will monitor the local weather forecasts in order to react to situations as quickly as possible and implement any special measures. This includes discussions with G Taylors, the caretakers. All staff have a responsibility to keep themselves, the pupils and their colleagues safe in snow and ice conditions. Staff should note that the car park at the Orchard site becomes very icy in cold weather.

GRITTING PLAN

- A path 1 metre wide from inside the pedestrian gate on Belvoir Road to the small playground gate, across the playground to the Speech and Language Centre entrance.
- A path 1 metre wide from inside the pedestrian gate on Belvoir Road to the main school; entrance.
- A path 1 metre wide across from the car park leading to the main entrance to the building.
- A path 1 metre wide across from the mobile classrooms leading across the large playground to the main building entrance.
- The steps to the mobiles should be gritted/checked that they are safe to use.

ACTIONS:

- Cleared paths to be treated with grit/salt to maintain a clear pathway especially when temperatures remain below freezing by use of the gritters provided.
- G Taylor staff to ensure any puddles/areas of water are cleared away to prevent icing over. Any icy puddles to be coned off.
- Any areas within the school grounds which remain in a dangerous condition, will be closed off and marked clearly using signs/cones/tape and staff will be informed as soon as possible.
- Parents/Carers are responsible for their children on the way to and from school and outside the main gate.
- Where playgrounds remain unsafe, pupils will be kept inside during playtime and dinner time.
- Communication with staff will be via email, notes to classes, the emergency telephone tree etc.
- Communication with parents will be via DoJo, text and the school website.