



Gritting Policy

Snow Policy

Approval and Review

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Initial	Jan 26	Changed to gritting policy as snow procedure is covered in MAT Incremental weather policy	Change of purpose

Moorpark Junior School

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The school has a duty to keep access routes within its grounds free from any substance that could cause a slip, e.g. ice or snow, and subject to the defense of it being reasonably practicable they will also have the civil duty of care to their students, staff and visitors.

Subject to ice or snow being present upon the access routes the school will assess the risk and, if deemed to be significant, then effective measures will be put into place to mitigate any risks to students, staff and visitors as far as reasonably practicable by salting/gritting and/or clearing the substance from designated access routes.

This policy sets out the procedures adopted by the school in the event of snow or ice being present on the school pathways/access routes.

When such conditions prevail the Premises Assistant will assess the situation and decide whether or not to implement the Gritting Policy. Once this decision has been taken the Premises Assistant will proceed to grit/clear access routes as determined in the procedures set out below to ensure, as far as practicable, safe access to the school buildings. This assessment of risk will be made at the beginning and end of the school day whilst these conditions prevail.

Gritting Procedure

When ice or snow hamper movement around the school, in order to minimise the risk of injury to staff, pupils and parents, the caretaker will ensure that all paths and steps around the school site are gritted or cleared of snow as soon as is practicable. Our priorities are:

- A pathway from the pedestrian gateway on Park Road and Minister Street to the playground.
- A pathway across the playground to the Year 3/ 4 door and the top Year 5/ 6 door.

See site gritting plan Appendix 1.

We do try out these areas to see if they are icy. Sometimes weather conditions can change quickly so everyone should take care in icy conditions.

We will not put rock salt on other areas of the school grounds.

Appendix 1 – Site Gritting Plan

Moorpark Junior School Gritting Site Plan



Red - priority morning gritting to open on snow days (main entrance first then steps)

Blue and red - all gritted on all frosty days and if possible to exit before the end of any snow days