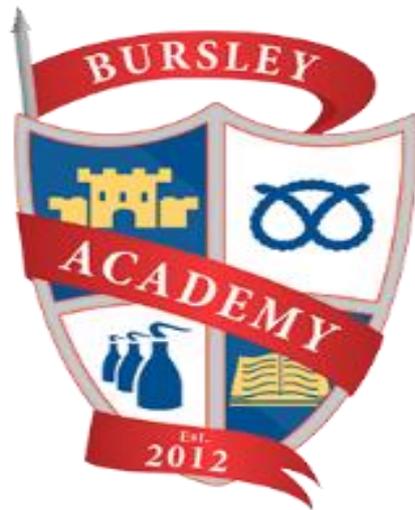




Bursley Academy Gritting Procedures





BURSLEY ACADEMY GRITTING POLICY

Introduction

It is essential that a school exercises its full duty of care and ensures safe access to and from the school entrance and whilst moving around school during the day, for all staff, pupils, parents and visitors. It is also essential that assessments are made to establish the risk in plenty of time – at the beginning of each day, during the day and at the end of the school day to ascertain the need to implement the gritting policy or not.

Procedures

- In the event of icy weather conditions it is not practical to grit the entire site, but as part of the gritting policy, safe routes have been identified and communicated to staff, pupils and parents. There is a gritting priority plan (appendix 1).
- The janitor/site supervisor arrives at 7:00 am (depending on the weather conditions) and will conduct a visual site survey to determine if identified routes need gritting or not. Grit will only be used if the pathways are deemed to be unsafe. Warning cones will be placed to warn visitors and children that there is ice and to stay on the designated gritted paths.
- It is common practice for the pedestrian access gate to remain locked in the mornings so that entry into school can be controlled, thereby minimising the risk to children, parents and visitors. **The main route into school will be gritted by 7:30am when the gates are opened for Bursley Academy Out of School Club.**
- **The gates on the main playground remain locked until there is a member of staff present. (All year round).**
- At break times a decision as to whether children are to be allowed outside will be made by the teacher on duty in conjunction with a member of the Leadership Team. Parents will be reminded that children should have suitable footwear and warm clothing, including spares. Outdoor play will occur whenever possible.
- It may be possible for paths to have become unsafe during the day when there is no caretaking cover available to grit paths. It is therefore important that extreme care is taken when coming onto the school premises later in the day.
- In extreme cases the Principal may make the decision that there is no option but to close the school if there is risk to health and safety. If this is done, the Chair of Governors and the Local Authority and local radio stations will be informed. Parents will be informed via text message.
- Relevant information regarding safety is communicated during the autumn and winter months via the school newsletter, website and text messaging service. Children will have procedures explained to them in class and in assembly time.
- Paths outside of the school grounds are not the responsibility of the school.

Monitoring and evaluation

The policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every three years or earlier if required.
Date of review September 2017.



Appendix 1

Bursley Academy Gritting Priority Plan – order of arrival.

- 1) A clear route will be gritted from the pedestrian access gate, down the footpath to the main office doors, including the wheelchair access ramp. A path will also be gritted from the main staff car park to the front office doors. **This must be done before 7:30am.**
- 2) A path to be gritted from the staff car park by the kitchen to the side doors by reception.
- 3) A path to be gritted from the staff car park round the back of the school by the garage to the Y5/6 and Y3/4 classrooms.
- 4) The main playground will have pathways gritted leading from both main gates to the ramp by nursery and reception (where nursery and reception enter), to the stairs by the reception classroom (where KS1 enter) and to the KS2 walkway by the PE shed and down the ramp that leads to their entrance. The small playground will also be gritted at this time as children walk across this to their classrooms.