

Inspirational Learning Academies Trust

GRITTING POLICY

This policy reaffirms the gritting procedures that have been in place since the new building of Norton-leMoors Primary Academy. In the event of adverse ice/snow the Assistant Site Supervisor (ASS) will make an assessment of the paths and roads and classify the priority gritting areas. This will be confirmed by the Head Teacher via a telephone conversation as necessary, but the ASS will grit appropriately on a general basis. He will not be required to telephone the Head Teacher unless the weather is extremely severe and there is a possibility that the school will have to be closed. Weather reports will be taken account of. Grit will be applied by a spreader.

Priority Gritting Access

To ensure safe access for pupils, staff and parents/carers the following priority areas will be gritted (it is not possible to grit the entire site):

1. The path from the rear entrance to the academy leading to the direct entrance of the Reception and key stage 1 area of the building.
2. The path from the main front entrance to outside the Key Stage 2 entrance.
3. The path from the Key Stage 2 playground to the main Nursery entrance.
4. The path from the second Nursery entrance to the main reception.

ALL CHILDREN ARE TO ENTER THE BUILDING FROM EITHER PATHWAY REGARDLESS OF THEIR KEY STAGE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NURSERY.

5. In extreme weather conditions the main gate may be closed and no parents/carers/visitors cars allowed on the premises, including disabled drivers. Staff cars may enter at their own risk.
6. The ASS will make the staff carpark and path his first gritting priority at 7.30am and then move on to the paths as stated above.

IF THERE IS A SUDDEN CHANGE IN WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE GRITTING PROCESS ALL USERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AS REASONABLE PROCEDURES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

Further Checks

These areas will be checked, if necessary, at break time by school staff and at dinner time by the lunchtime staff. If conditions worsen towards the end of the day they will be checked by a member of the SLT and appropriate action taken.

Cars On-site

The school has one main car park but has not got the resources to grit it so it will be closed on these days, if deemed dangerous. If there is a frost it is unlikely to be open and in such conditions parents/carers should not expect to park on the site.

Staff/Parents/Carers and children are advised to allow more time for their journey during snow and icy conditions. They will also be advised to wear suitable footwear and parents/carers are advised where possible to walk their children to school. Registers will be kept open longer on such days.

This information will be regularly communicated to parents/carers and put onto the school website.