

Norton-le-Moors Primary Academy

(Updated November 2017)

Gritting Policy

This policy reaffirms the gritting procedures that Norton-le-Moors Primary Academy has in place.

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 Academy 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 main entrance to KS1 gate
2. The path from KS1 gate to the main entrance gate
3. The path from main entrance gate to KS2 playground
4. From KS2 playground across to the back of the school path to KS1 gate

In extreme weather conditions the main gates may be closed and no parents/carers/visitors cars allowed on the premises, including disabled drivers. Staff cars may enter at their own risk.

4. The ASS will make the staff car park 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 Academy 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.

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 the Academy. Registers will be kept open longer on such days.

Cars On-site

The school allows the top playground area to be used as a 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.