



## CONNECTED LEARNING Winter Hazard / Gritting Policy

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**Each academy school must enter details as relevant to them where indicated in red or elsewhere if required**



## Connected Learning

### Winter Hazard / Gritting Policy

- 1 It is the policy of Connected Learning to attempt to maintain safe pathway and playground surfaces at all times as far as the resources available for undertaking this work permit. This document, which will be reviewed every three years and sets out the Trust's policies and objectives, stating how they will be implemented and put into practice.
- 2 The objective of the MAT is to initiate and manage procedures for dealing with weather emergencies, enabling as far as reasonably possible, the safe movement of adults and children on the hard surfaces across our schools.
- 3 At times of predicted low temperatures each of the schools within the Trust will aim to provide a winter maintenance plan enabling as far as is reasonably possible the safe movement of people on all pathways and play areas across our school.

#### Procedure

- 1 The school's Site Manager will do a daily playground and pathway inspection throughout the winter months, and in times of hazard.
- 2 This inspection will take place at **xxx** and clearance/gritting will begin immediately if considered necessary.
- 3 Pre-salting and snow clearance of the pedestrian routes and priority areas (identified in the site plan) will be carried out based on information received from the weather forecasting service and as a result of daily inspection outcomes.
- 4 When snow falls and accumulates on outdoor surfaces, shovels and other appropriate tools will be used to remove snow, and grit will be spread to help melt the snow and to prevent ice forming where possible.
- 5 During the school day further applications of grit will be applied when required to ensure safe exit from the site at the end of the school day
- 6 Whilst every effort will be made to clear snow and ice, it must be remembered that individuals have a responsibility for their own safety and that of others. This means being aware of potential hazards of walking or driving in icy conditions and acting reasonably in the circumstances (including sensible / appropriate footwear).
- 7 Certain areas may need to be closed off if they are considered unsafe or are unable to be cleared due to availability of resources.
- 8 Grit is readily available on the premises.
- 9 In the case of heavy snow falling at the weekends the Site Manager is to telephone the Headteacher / Head of School to discuss clearance out of usual school hours.

- 10 When the access/exit routes are cleared the Site Manager will work on clearing any other area that is deemed as vital to the safety of the staff, parents and children

Priority access routes for winter gritting will be:

XXXXX

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Special attention will be given to:

- Steps
- Ramps, including those for people with accessibility problems

In the event of severe weather conditions and school closure being the only alternative, the school will:

- Advise the CEO / CLO / Trust Business Centre
- Put a closure notice on the school website
- Telephone the local radio stations and inform them of why the school is closed
- Put a sign at the front of school with a closure notice
- Implement the phone tree to inform all staff
- **Any other system in place to alert closure of school**