

Larkrise School Winter Conditions Policy (Draft January 2019)

Gritting/Salting Expectations

Aim

The aim of this policy is to maintain a safe site for everyone by reducing the risk of frost and ice related accidents to children, parents, staff and visitors.

Hazard

During the winter the risk of injury from slips, trips and falls is increased by the presence of snow and ice, especially at the start of the school day, on foot paths and other areas of pedestrian traffic.

These types of accidents have the risk of resulting in minor and occasion major injury.

Our responsibility

The school recognises that it has a responsibility to provide children, parents, staff and visitors who enter the site and premises with a safe environment in which to work and learn.

The school is committed to complying with the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and other regulations that require, so far as is reasonably practicable, the provision and maintenance of a safe means of access to and egress from the premises.

We will always take action whenever freezing temperatures are forecast. This takes vigilance and it is important that key staff including; the Headteacher, Site Manager and the Senior Leadership Team stay aware of local weather conditions and are proactive in managing any risks using the school procedures.

We also recognise that there is a responsibility for members of the school community to make appropriate decisions about safety during periods of winter conditions. E.g. Footwear that suits the conditions, walking along designated pathways etc.

Our procedures

The Site Manager will make the initial decision about whether the site needs gritting/salting and follow the guidance overleaf with regard to areas that need to be treated.

Should a risk be further identified by the Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, they will inform the site manager who will grit/salt the areas identified.

Wherever possible, salting and gritting should take place during the Site Manager's daily security and safety walk.

Gritting and salting takes time and may impinge on the other tasks linked to the Site Manager's role. However as it is a measure to manage immediate risk and reduce significantly the possibility of accidents, unless in an emergency situation, it will take priority over day to day operational tasks.

Areas to be salted/gritted

Please see overleaf – shaded areas apply as deemed necessary by Site Manager.

Potential future sensory route - requires purchase of adjacent land

Potential future sensory route

FOOTPATHS
CAR PARK

