

GISBURN ROAD C.P. SCHOOL BARNOLDSWICK

GRITTING POLICY



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It is everyone's responsibility to ensure their own safety. This is particularly important when there is a chance that an area may be slippery such as during periods of cold weather and/or snow when there is a danger of ice having formed. At Gisburn Road School, Nursery Unit and Children & Family Centre the following policy will be followed if it is apparent that pedestrian paths on site are slippery.

The following areas will be gritted:-

1. Juniors – pedestrian path from the main gate on Gisburn road will be gritted to the Main front entrance door and a path to the Infants entrance door.
2. Infants – pedestrian path from the main gate on Leonard Street will be gritted to the front entrance door and a path to the Juniors entrance door.
3. Children & Family centre– pedestrian path from the main gate on Dam Head road will be gritted to the front door,
4. Nursery – pedestrian path from the pedestrian gate on Leonard Street will be gritted to the nursery entrance

It is not practical to grit large areas of grounds and be confident all areas are safe, therefore if it is thought that playground areas are unsafe due to underfoot conditions they will not be used during the day.

It may be possible for paths to have become unsafe during the day when there is no caretaking cover available to grit the paths. It is therefore very important that extreme care is taken when coming on to the school premises later in the day.

Paths outside the school are outside the school's area of responsibility – if they are dangerous we will alert the Highways department to the situation and request their attention.

N.B.- In a situation where snow clearance/gritting can not take place due to – e.g. Site officer illness – a risk assessment will be taken on the day to decide whether or not the school can remain open and parents may be asked to take more care.