

GISBURN ROAD C.P. SCHOOL BARNOLDSWICK

Winter Weather Policy



DATE AGREED: JANUARY 2021

REVIEW DATE: SEPTEMBER 2023

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure their own safety when winter weather has made school premises slippery because of snow or ice e.g. Wearing appropriate footwear for the conditions. At Gisburn Road School, Nursery Unit and Family Wellbeing Centre, this Winter Weather Policy will be followed when there is snow or ice on school premises.

The following areas will be cleared and 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, additionally, whilst we are socially distancing, a second path connecting the Junior and Infant buildings will be cleared to maintain our keep to the left policy on school grounds
2. Infants – pedestrian path from the main gate on Leonard Street will be gritted to the front entrance door.
3. Nursery – pedestrian path from the pedestrian gate on Leonard Street will be gritted to the nursery entrance
4. Family Wellbeing Centre– pedestrian path from the gate on Dam Head road will be gritted to the front door

If the decision is taken for the school to remain open but the school grounds cannot be made safe, then on that day we will inform you by text that your child's class teacher will meet you at the school gate to take your child into school.

It may be possible for paths to have become unsafe during the day when there is no staff 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, particularly when collecting your child from the After School Club.

Breakfast club users. It will not be possible to have cleared and gritted this early in the morning. So be extra careful on school grounds and please use the Junior entrance on Gisburn Road as it is possible the Leonard Street entrance will not yet be open.

Paths outside the school are not within the school's area of responsibility – if they are dangerous we will alert the Highways department to the situation.