

St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School, Bradford



Snow and Ice Policy

Mission Statement

St. John's is a place where we meet Jesus. Everyone is enabled to fulfil their unique potential and together we celebrate being part of God's creation in all we think, say and do.

In our school everyone is respected and cherished and differences are valued.

Each member of our community is supported to truly reflect the person of Jesus

Reasonable effort must be made to clear a pathway (approx 3 feet wide), from the public pathway across to the site entrance/doorway. There is no expectation that car parks must be cleared.

If a path is cleared, as a recognisable path, it must be maintained in a safe condition. In achieving this, it is important to realise the limitations of rock salt alone for certain paths (i.e. on a slope), and climatic conditions.

Rock salt will melt snow and ice, however, the melting snow and ice can on a slope, wash the salt away. In low temperatures, this can also cause the area to freeze again.

Premises with sloping paths might have these special problems, and extra care will be needed in these circumstances.

Rock salt and sand/grit, while performing the above task, is more likely to hold the salt on slopes and, if the area does freeze again, has the advantage of leaving a residue, which provides a grip on surfaces.

Normal Control Measures

- ❖ Nominated member of staff to monitor weather conditions and anticipate when snow / ice clearance may be required. (may be necessary for them to start work earlier to implement procedures)
- ❖ Prioritised areas for clearing of snow and gritting of paths, steps and slopes. (main access routes, paths to car park to buildings etc to be dealt with ASAP)
- ❖ Other areas cleared as time permits.
- ❖ Direct access to the main entrance from the site access point is created (1m wide)
- ❖ Regular inspection of all areas and identification of those such as steps, slopes etc which may not be safe even when cleared.
- ❖ Treat cleared paths with salt and grit if freezing temperatures continue.
- ❖ Ensure all staff and parents are aware of designated paths/access routes and take responsibility for using these. Reinforce this with pupils / visitors.
- ❖ Where playgrounds remain slippery due to compacted snow / ice it may be necessary to accommodate pupils indoors at break time. If playgrounds remain in use supervision levels may need to be increased.

Additional Control Measures

- ❖ If slopes and steps remain in a dangerous condition it may be necessary to prevent access to affected area – cones/barrier/tape etc.

Manual Handling

Physical exertion, back injuries, strains /sprains

Who is at risk?

Site Staff

Normal Control Measures

- ❖ Staff who are responsible fro gritting / clearing paths have adequate equipment and clothing to carry out the work.
- ❖ Ensure staff clearing snow are physically capable
- ❖ Work at sensible pace and take frequent breaks
- ❖ Training given in correct lifting techniques.
- ❖ Appropriate footwear worn
- ❖ Mechanical lifting aids available (trolleys, sack barrow etc.)

This policy has been approved and adopted by the Governing Body.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body..... Date.....