

# Christ Church CE Academy



## Snow and Ice Policy

**This Church of England Aided Academy aims to serve its community by providing an excellent education for pupils of all abilities and backgrounds in the context of Christian belief and practice.**

**It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and requires the valuing of other faiths.**

**It promotes Christian values and spiritual development through the experience it offers to all its pupils.**

**These values are implicit in this policy.**

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## School Policy for Snow and Ice

We make all reasonable efforts to ensure the school site is safe for visitors, pupils and staff during icy weather and following snow fall. We also make all reasonable efforts to ensure that school remains open as normal.

We cannot remove every bit of ice and snow from our site. Nor can we clear and grit all routes into school as there are too many. As a result we have to determine which route is the most sensible to clear. This is in line with health and safety guidance that there should be at least one accessible route to the school. Even when a path has been gritted or cleared we cannot guarantee that it will not be slippery. It is really important that pupils, visitors and staff have appropriate footwear which helps them to avoid slipping. It is also important that everyone takes extra care when walking.

Our policy is to clear or grit the driveway from Deighton Road (past the “woolpack” building), down the path around the dining hall which comes out at the gate near our community garden and across the playground to the entrances used by pupils.

It has been brought to our attention that parents and pupils coming to school for the afternoon sessions in Early Years are not able to use this route as the gates to the playground by the garden are locked. As an alternative, in severe weather, please use the following route:-

- Come up the drive by the ‘Woolpack’ building.
- Come to the main entrance for the school.

You will then be able to access Early Years by going through the school. Please remember that this suggestion is for afternoon pupils only.

Finally; whenever we have heavy snow we do struggle to get pathways cleared. If any parents would be prepared to come in and help us with snow clearing following heavy snow, please would you let us know.