



## Egerton Primary School

### Snow Clearance and Gritting Plan

It is essential for schools to have an effective working and written gritting plan on place, to ensure the safety of the children, parents, staff and visitors. We will adopt a common sense approach to the clearance of snow and ice during periods of bad weather.

It will be the responsibility of the Site Manager and Business Manager to ensure we are fully equipped with appropriate snow clearing equipment and adequate stocks of grit/rock salt prior to the winter term.

During periods of very severe weather, it may be necessary for the normal entrance route to be temporarily closed and alternative entrance and exit arrangements put in place. This will only occur during very extreme conditions. The site manager will clear a route from the pedestrian gate to the main entrance then provide a route through the side gate adjacent to the main entrance to Years 3&4 wet area and Years 5&6 mobile. All children will enter the school via this route.

During periods of light snow and icy conditions, the site manager will provided a clear gritted path, 1 metre wide via the infant playground to the infant entrances and around the perimeter of the school building, enabling access to all entrances. As it is not practical to grit the entire site, playgrounds outside of the route will not be gritted and parents and children will be requested to keep to the designated route.

If it is felt that the site should not be opened, staff will be contacted by a member of SLT via text and parents will be contacted via the Call Parents texting system which the admin staff can access from home, informing them of the decision to close the school. A message will also appear on the homepage of the school website. The Headteacher and Chair of Governors will strive to make the decision as early as possible following feedback from the site manager or Local Authority.

#### The Site Manager

- Be responsible for the clearance of snow and ice in designated areas in line with gritting plan
- Liaise with the Headteacher as to the implementation of the gritting plan by 7.30am
- Clear a pathway through snow and ice to approx 1 meter to allow access for pedestrians, pushchairs or wheelchairs using snow scraper or shovel.
- Ensure all access routes are cleared by 8.40am at the latest
- Paths will be checked throughout the day to ensure freezing or further snowfall has not occurred. If it has, paths will be re-cleared and gritted as necessary.

### All Staff

- Be responsible for their own and colleagues health and safety
- Wear footwear/clothing appropriate for the conditions
- Liaise with the Headteacher before hometime to adopt an exit plan suitable to the current conditions.

### All Parents/Carers

- Read and adhere to the guidance
- Wear footwear/clothing appropriate to the conditions
- Advise any staff member of any concerns they have regarding health and safety during adverse conditions
- Stay on cleared and gritted paths at all times.

### Pupils

- Wear footwear/clothing appropriate to the conditions
- Stay on cleared and gritted paths at all times.

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