

Whitefield Infant School and Nursery



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 Whitefield Infant School and Nursery the following policy will be followed if it is apparent that pedestrian paths and car park on site are slippery.

The following areas will be gritted: -

School -

- The pedestrian paths from the children's entrances on Portland Street and Albert Street will be cleared and gritted to the canopied areas outside year 1 and 2 classrooms
- Nursery and Reception class entrance doors and the main path to these classrooms will be gritted.
- All these areas will be clearly visible with the barrier management system that will be in place.
- Please do not walk in other areas as these will not have been gritted.
- The entrance from Every Street and car parking areas will be gritted including the side entrance.
- The pavement outside the main school entrance will be gritted (the width of the building only).

It is not practical to grit large areas of grounds, therefore if it is thought that the 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 – there are grit bins in the vicinity of school if parents wish to use these. The Highways department does not grit the side streets leading to school therefore please take great care when bringing your child to school or collecting from school and ensure sensible footwear is worn.