

Snow and Ice Policy

Introduction

The College is committed to ensuring that, in adverse wintry conditions, priority areas are kept free from any snow or ice accumulations.

The aim is to allow, as far as possible, normal use of the College pedestrian routes and car park.

This document seeks to cover both the hours when the maintenance team is on site but also to set down a short-term solution for when unexpected adverse weather conditions occur outside of the normal working hours (which includes weekends and bank holidays).

Weather Forecast

When there is a significant risk of frost following wet conditions or when snow has been forecast, the maintenance team with help, as a precaution, distribute either salt or grit, or both, to the following areas:

- Main College entrance Marston Street
- Area around Moberly close
- Footpath from James Street carpark
- Exit path from the main college to Moberly Garden.
- Area around Barn and 23 James Street
- Houses on James Street
- Disable ramp
- Church
- Song school
- Path at the front of the church

Snow And Ice Accumulation

Where a prior forecast has resulted in precautionary gritting/salting, but overnight or at weekends/holidays, further accumulations have built up; the maintenance team will obtain the necessary equipment and materials and commence salting and gritting the identified priority areas as soon as possible. At this stage it should be noted that significant snowfalls may hamper individuals' travel to work arrangements and initial actions may be dependent upon the number of staff available to carry out this work.



Materials used will include grit, salt or a combination of two; wheelbarrow for distribution/delivery.

Salt/grit spreader; shovels. These materials will be stored in the Maintenance area.

Out of Normal Working Hours

Wherever possible gritting or salting will be carried out prior to weekend or bank holiday period during the winter where conditions forecast indicate possible snow falls or build-up of ice in wet weather conditions.

On occasions the forecast may be incorrect or inaccurate and the College may need to carry out some emergency gritting/salting. Under these circumstances the College has a few options.

- A. Maintenance staff could be utilized to apply the required materials to some of the priority areas.
- B. Student volunteers could be utilized to carry out the work.
- C. The situation could warrant a maintenance callout approach reliant on the goodwill of contractors or the maintenance staff to get to site in what could be difficult conditions.

Clear Up

Once the snow and/or ice has thawed the outside maintenance will clear away loose salt/grit leaving the aim is to allow, as far as possible, normal use of the College pedestrian routes and car park.