



Clearing paths



1	Summary	Clearing paths			
2	Responsible person	Britta Dickinson-Fry / Frank Scottow			
3	Accountable SLT member	Britta Dickinson-Fry/ Caroline Knight			
4	Applies to	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All staff <input type="checkbox"/> Support staff <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching staff			
5	Who has overseen development of this policy	Caroline Knight			
6	Who has been consulted and recommended policy for approval	Head of School			
7	Approved by and date	Head of School September 2023			
8	Version number	3			
9	Available on	Every	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Trust website Academy website SharePoint	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
10	Related documents (if applicable)				
11	Disseminated to	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustees/governors <input type="checkbox"/> All staff <input type="checkbox"/> Support staff <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching staff			
12	Date of implementation (when shared)	September 2023			
13	Consulted with recognised trade unions	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N			



1. Introduction

Thorpepark Academy will endeavor to ensure the pathways remain as safe as possible for all children, staff and visitors during adverse weather. In the event of snow and ice efforts will be made to clear and salt main pathways but the academy will not take responsibility for injury/damage caused from such weather. The academy is not responsible for the paths and walkways outside the boundary of the school.

2. Clearing Paths

The clearing and salting of pathways is dependent on the severity of conditions, the availability of salt in prolonged periods of bad weather and the availability and attendance of staff. Parents/carers, children, staff and visitors need to be aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain slippery and dangerous. Some areas such as the decking pagoda areas will be extremely slippery and are out of bounds during such weather. The main path areas will be salted throughout the day but could still remain slippery so everyone needs to be vigilant when entering the school premises.

Children will be reminded of the above in assembly. Before and after school opening hours parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not slide on the school playground. The riding of bikes, scooters etc is prohibited when entering the school site. In icy conditions efforts will be made to clear and salt the following as staffing and resources allow:

- A) Main pedestrian path at the side of the carpark/dining hall
- B) Main pedestrian path at the side of Little Jumping Beans
- C) Paths will be made around the school to various doorways. Please stick this designated area.
- D) Main pedestrian path through the carpark if staff/visitors are parked in the car park
- E) Carpark areas for staff

When possible, essential pathways within the school boundary will be maintained during the day. During significant adverse weather conditions, the school hall will be open from 8.45am for parents to bring their children inside. Parents are to supervised their children in the hall until staff are ready to formally take supervision of the children. Parents are asked to leave the site as soon as the staff have taken over.

During adverse weather conditions, the playground may be out of bounds at the beginning and end of school. The Head of School may decide this is necessary, at break times as well. In the Head of School's absence a member of the senior management team on site will assume responsibility.