



# Clearing paths at Thorpepark Academy



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| 1  | Summary  | Clearing paths   |  |  |   |
| 2  | Responsible person   | Britta Dickinson-Fry / Frank Scottow / Darren Wenn   |  |  |   |
| 3  | Accountable SLT member                                     | Britta Dickinson-Fry/ Caroline Knight  |  |  |   |
| 4  | Applies to   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All staff<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support staff<br><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 | Executive Principal  |  |  |   |
| 7  | Approved by and date                                       | Executive Principal September 2025   |  |  |   |
| 8  | Version number   | 3  |  |  |   |
| 9  | Available on   | Every  | <input type="checkbox"/> Y<br><input type="checkbox"/> N | Trust website<br>Academy website<br>SharePoint | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N<br><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N<br><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| 10 | Related documents (if applicable)                          |  |  |  |   |
| 11 | Disseminated to  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustees/governors<br><input type="checkbox"/> All staff<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support staff<br><input type="checkbox"/> Teaching staff |  |  |   |
| 12 | Date of implementation (when shared)                       | September 2025   |  |  |   |
| 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 paths to the main offices
- B) Main pedestrian paths the classroom doors
- 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/designated area will be open from 8.30am 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 Executive Principal may decide this is necessary, at break times as well. In the Executive Principal's absence a member of the senior management team on site will assume responsibility.