



Helmshore Primary School **Snow and Winter Gritting Plan 2026 - 2027**

Snow

Helmshore Primary School does not have a contracted handyperson on site to undertake duties including clearing snow and gritting. These duties will need to be completed by management and support staff – where casual handyperson hours are available they will also be utilised.

Due to limited resources and available staff, only the following areas will be cleared of snow during adverse weather conditions:

Access to premises

A pathway wide enough to accommodate someone using a wheelchair will be cleared of snow from the main entrance of the building to the central gate at the front of school. The cleared pathway **will not** extend beyond the school gate.

We will also endeavour to clear the following pathways:-

A pathway from the kitchen back door (Catering Services exit) along the side of the building to the gate at the front of school where children (except EYFS) enter and leave. The cleared pathway **will not** extend beyond the school gate.

A pathway from the main entrance of the building to the EYFS entrance.

The staff car park area **will not** be cleared of snow except where stipulated above.

Fire exits

The pathways leading from fire exits **will not** be cleared of snow.

If snow **restricts** the opening of the door the snow **will** be cleared to allow the door to be fully opened.

The fire assembly point **will not** be cleared of snow.

Ice

In icy conditions grit will be spread along the cleared pathways mentioned above in addition to pathways leading from fire exits to the agreed fire assembly point (school yard).

Management will ensure these areas (including fire exits) are checked at least twice a day (upon arrival and after lunch). If the weather deteriorates these checks may be increased if resources are available.

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