



Springcroft Primary School

Inclement Weather Policy

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Our Mission Statement:

The place to learn, the place to succeed, the place to make friends, the place to grow.

Introduction

Springcroft aims to stay open whenever possible.

In the event of adverse weather, the school will endeavour to stay open however consideration will be given to:

- State of pathways, steps, slopes around school
- Condition of roads and pathways in local area
- Whether school heating, lighting, water is operation and working correctly
- Whether catering can be provided
- Weather forecast

Depending on the severity of conditions, some activities and services may be restricted.

The site supervisor will inform the Headteacher of any problems when he opens the school site at 6:30am. Whilst Springcroft will endeavour to stay open whenever possible, staff and parents will be informed via the school's communication service (ParentMail) of any problems that will stop the school opening by 7am.

Parents are encouraged to use their own judgement as to whether to bring their child to school, bearing in mind the fact that they will need to be collected at 3.30pm. This judgement is left entirely to parents.

Parents are asked to ensure that they follow the normal procedure of reporting absence using ParentMail or by ringing the School Office as soon as they can. If no notifications have not been received, then we will assume that pupils are in transit. Pupils should follow the normal procedures if they arrive late.

The site supervisor will open the building and clear paths (see Appendix 1) into school before 8.45am if possible.

Once pupils are at school, they will follow a normal curriculum as far as staff presence allows, and certainly no parent should make the decision to keep a child at home in the belief that lessons will not take place. At playtimes a decision as to whether children are to be allowed outside will be made by the Senior Leadership Team.

If the weather continues to cause problems then parents will be able to collect children as early as they see fit. If the school takes the decision that pupils will be allowed to leave early, parents will be contacted via our electronic communication systems (ParentMail).

Gritting

At Springcroft it is not practical to grit the entire site, but safe routes have been identified and are communicated to staff, pupils and parents in Appendix 1. Parents, staff and visitors are expected to use the gritted paths rather than walk across the snow and ice. The lower gate (off Ridgway Drive), will remain closed, and all access to the school site will be through the gate of Grindley Lane or through the main school gates.

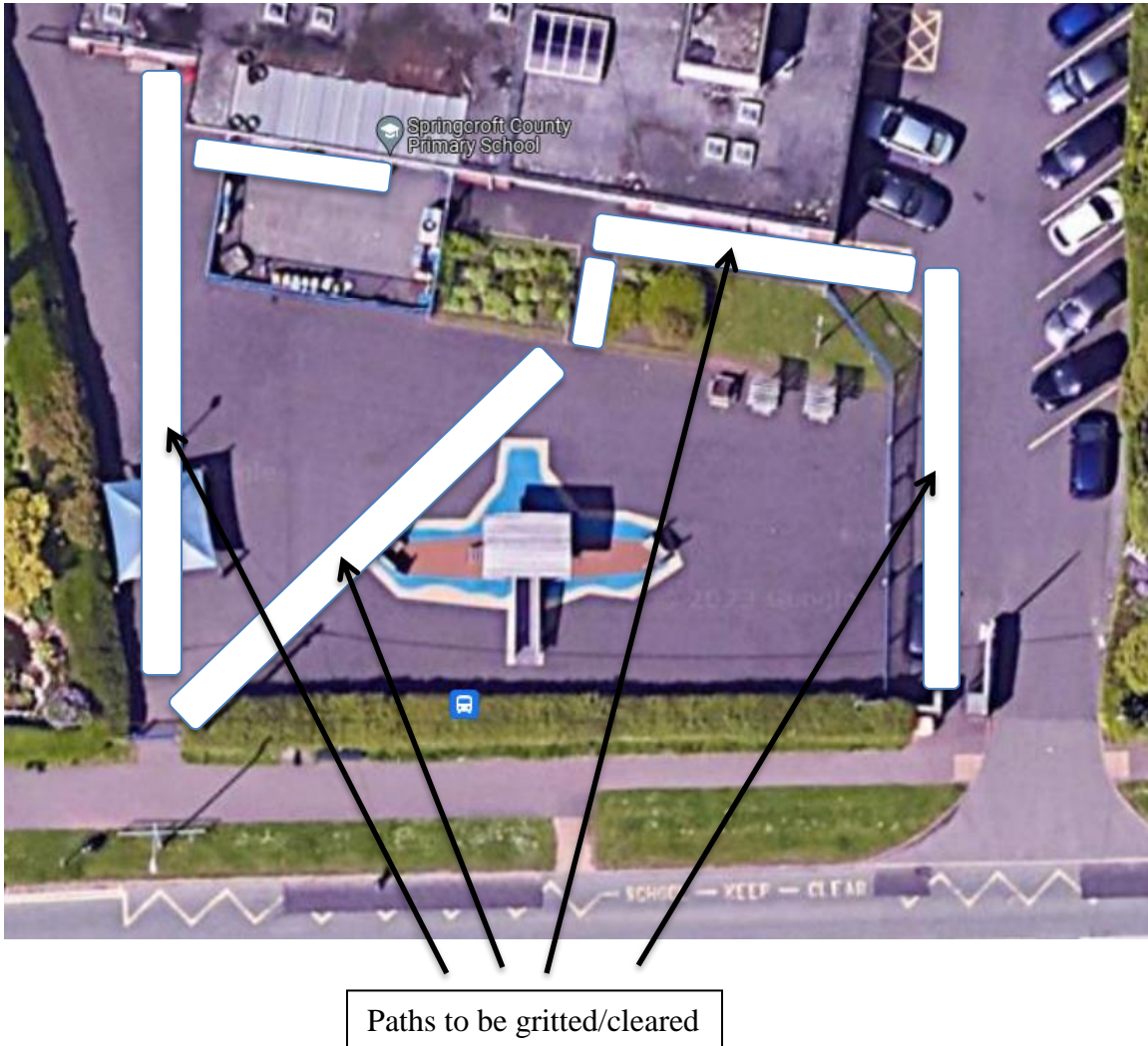
When the site is required to be gritted, this is systematically completed in phases:

Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception class enter/exit through normal entrance off KS1 yard • Year 1 enter/exit through normal entrance off KS1 yard • Year's 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 enter/exit through main school entrance off KS1 yard
Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception class enter/exit through normal entrance off KS1 yard • Year 1 enter/exit through normal entrance off KS1 yard • Year's 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 enter/exit through rear main school entrance off KS2 yard

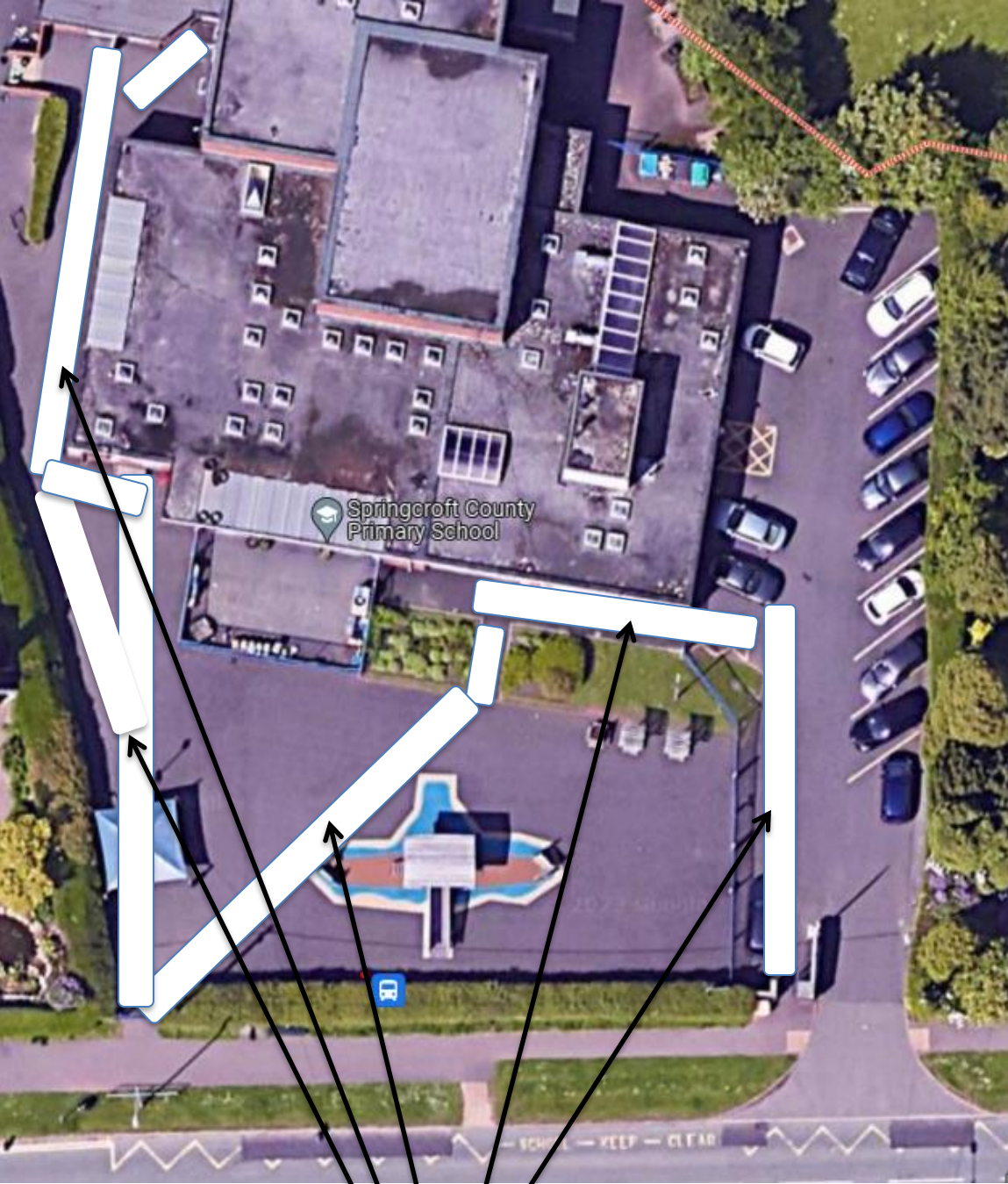
Any deviations from this plan will be communicated directly with parents via ParentMail.

Appendix 1

Phase 1: KS1/main school entrance areas to be cleared/gritted:



Phase 2: KS1/KS2/main school entrance areas to be cleared/gritted:



Paths to be gritted/cleared