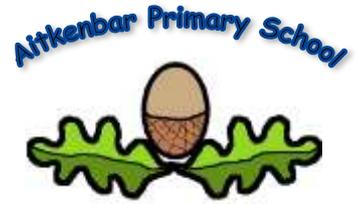




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ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Dear Parent / Carer

Tuesday, 22 January 2019

As the cold weather takes hold, we would like to inform you of council policy in icy conditions.

Advice from West Dunbartonshire Council states that during icy weather, the responsibility of the Facilities Assistants in schools and nurseries is to maintain safe pedestrian access to and from the premises by salting and/or snow clearance of the main pathway. Only the priority paths are within their remit and they are not required to attend to car parks, playgrounds or pavements.

However, the Campus Facilities Assistants do also salt large areas of the playgrounds and the surrounding areas but we cannot guarantee that all risk of slipping has been removed. The children are reminded to take extra care by walking on the salted areas when outside and to avoid areas where there may still be ice. Please reinforce this message with your children especially if they are walking to school on unsalted pavements.

As part of the winter contingency planning the Council's Greenspace team holds keys to school grounds and has agreed, **where resources permit**, to undertake gritting/snow clearing from school car parks in **exceptional circumstances only**. However they do not have the resources to do this routinely.

In icy conditions the following areas will be salted:

- The path from the gate on Howatshaws Road to the pupil entrances at both sides of the campus
- The top of the car park stairs
- The steps leading to the main entrances at the front of the campus
- The ramp at the front entrance

Please provide your child with a spare pair of socks in case their feet get wet.

In extreme conditions the children will not be allowed out to play.

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to clear snow if the need arises. Your support with this issue is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
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