

## **IMPORTANT**

### **Arrangements for Adverse Weather Conditions**

Unfortunately, we are expecting more snow and icy conditions. This is unavoidable and something none of us look forward to. We understand it causes additional stress and makes the school/ work run much more difficult.

Like all schools we are directed by strict guidelines in relation to salting the paths in the school grounds. However, we are not responsible for salting any public highway, therefore we cannot undertake to salt the road up to the school.

I have contacted the Road Service and logged a 'fault' in relation to gritting issues. The reference for this 'fault' is **W18821514**. You can visit [www.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk) and select the option 'Tracking a fault' to add yourself to this reference. The more people who support this 'fault', the more chance we have of getting the road up to school gritted. I mentioned that cars are getting stuck and sliding back down the hill, cars are colliding, adults/children are walking and slipping, cars are sliding back onto Chapel Road where traffic is already congested. I also highlighted that if we cannot get our school dinners delivered we cannot provide this to the children. You may have your own personal experiences to add. You can contact them by phone if you prefer and quote the reference number above.

### **What can we do in the meantime?**

In periods of adverse weather, it is necessary to take extra precautions to ensure that the safety of pupils is not compromised. However, it is not possible to provide precise instructions to cover every eventuality.

During adverse weather conditions the following is in place:

\*\*\*Mrs Bacheta makes an assessment of the weather conditions as early as possible and will decide whether to keep the school open or to close the school. You will receive a message from the website app/Facebook if the school is closed.

\*\*\*When the school remains open, the attendance register will not be closed until 10.00am to allow you time to get your child/children to school. We hope this will help to reduce some of the stress associated with these weather conditions. It will also reduce the amount of traffic trying to get up the hill between 8.30am and 9.00am.

I am hoping the Road Service will answer our call for gritting very soon!

Regards

Mrs Bacheta

