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Cold Weather Policy

Our new site is too big for it to be fully gritted in the event of poor weather. Therefore, this plan draws up the school's priorities in terms of gritting routes. This is similar to what the authority does when deciding which roads have priority above others. Therefore Route A would be cleared first, followed by B and so on.

I need to make it clear to all parents and carers that though the school is owned by the authority it is not classed as a public building and therefore the authority do not have a responsibility to grit the school grounds. All gritting and its associated costs are the responsibility of the school. For example, a gritter passing the school drop off area is not required to grit it and I cannot request that they do so.

The school has to give priority to children so that they can enter the building safely. Therefore in poor weather our order of gritting is as follows:

Route A

If snowfall or ice is considerable, the main access route will be from the pedestrian path next to the car park entrance and direct to the main front entrance door. School staff would be on hand to direct children as this would lead to all children using the main entrance.

Route A is shown by red arrows on the plan.

Route B

Route B is the same as above but provides a route to the entrance to our foundation stage as well as the main entrance. Staff would be on hand to direct Key Stage 1 through this entrance and Key Stage 2 through the main entrance.

Route B is shown by dark blue arrows on the plan.

Route C

Route C is a continuation of route B and leads through into the playground area. Here we would provide a direct route into the year 3/4 door area for all Key Stage 1 and 2 children. This has already been witnessed by many of you on icy mornings.

Route C is shown by green arrows on the plan.

Route D

Route D opens up the access gate from Chester Road/Jesmond Gardens traffic lights. If this route is unsafe for children and adults to use then parents will know this, as the gates would not be unlocked in the morning. Children would need to walk along the pavement to the entrance used for route A, B and C.

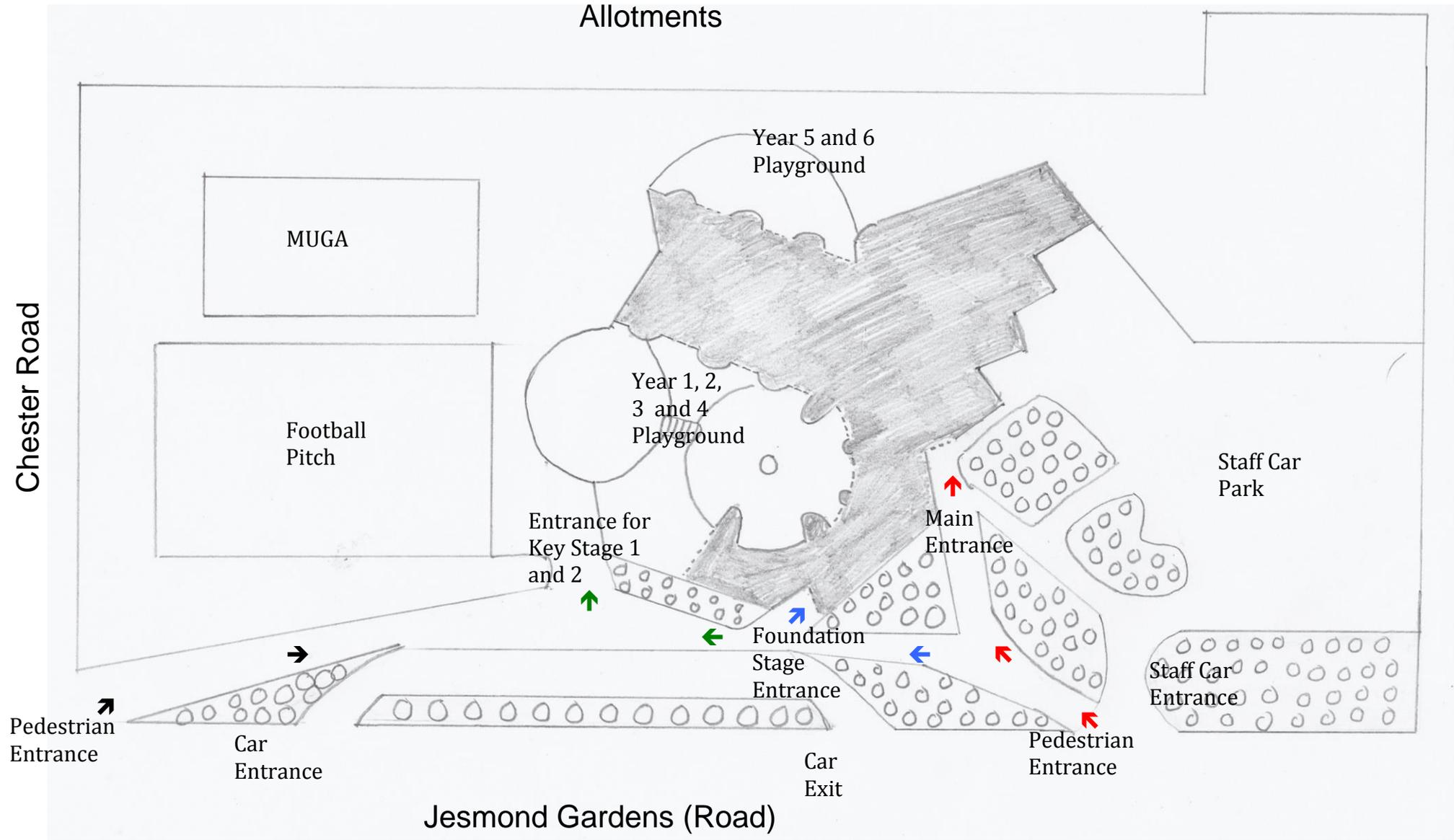
Drop off area

The drop off area is currently not in use and will not be gritted.

On the rare occasions that the drop off area is closed, parents would need to consider how to park away well away from the school safely. This may require setting off from home earlier and all parents and carers to consider the safety of all of our children and respect our local residents.

The plan above clearly demonstrates that in terms of gritting, the pedestrian routes have priority. If we all abide by these simple rules, then in the event of this cold weather plan being put into action, then I have no doubt that the process of getting your children safely into school will run smoothly. Thank you for your help and co-operation.

Allotments



Chester Road

MUGA

Football Pitch

Year 5 and 6 Playground

Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 Playground

Staff Car Park

Entrance for Key Stage 1 and 2

Main Entrance

Foundation Stage Entrance

Staff Car Entrance

Pedestrian Entrance

Car Entrance

Car Exit

Pedestrian Entrance

Jesmond Gardens (Road)

