

## Cults School Adverse Winter Weather Conditions



Now that the weather has become much colder we are aware that all access routes to school, the playground and car park are likely to be affected by ice and snow in the coming weeks.

As you know the playground and area around our school is a very large area and, despite the best efforts of the janitor, sudden changes in weather or drops in temperature make it impossible to clear all areas.

Given limited janitorial resources, the guidance issued to all schools by ACC Facilities Management issue is that the priority has to be to ensure there is one designated safe route into each school, including access to separate teaching annexes and sufficient emergency exits to enable safe evacuation of the school. Once these routes have been cleared, facilities staff aim to clear subsequent routes to and from school, although this is entirely dependent on other priorities and staff capacity. Facilities Management do not have the resources to clear school playgrounds, car parks or other areas out with the school grounds. All pupils, staff, parents/carers and other visitors to school should exercise extreme care on any untreated surfaces during ice and snow.

In the first instance the janitor will clear a path to the main school entrance, then the after school club/nursery entrance and a path to the purple unit. A path is then cleared from the main playground gate to the blue and green unit entrances, then a path from the single gate to the red unit.

If there are any concerns about being able to access school safely through the playground, the main school entrance should be used.

**All staff, pupils, parents and visitors are reminded to stick to the treated areas and exercise extreme care on all surfaces during periods of ice and snow.**