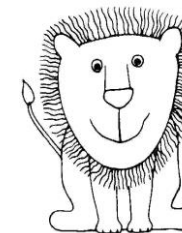


Linslade Lower School



Risk Assessment for: Snow and Ice
Risk Assessment completed: November 2025
To be reviewed: November 2026
Reason: Inclement Weather

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Weather changes: Rain, Ice, Snow on surface (especially wet leaves)	Staff Pupils Visitors	Daily checks of the outdoor learning environment Adults should ensure that all children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Adults should discuss changes in the weather and its effect on the outdoor areas. Adults should assess the risk to the outdoor surface areas and equipment in order to determine which equipment/areas should remain out of bounds. Parents must provide their children with a warm, waterproof coat with a hood.	HF will monitor weather conditions during adverse weather and assess whether it is safe for outdoor play.	HF		

Slips, Trips & Falls on site	Staff Pupils Visitors	Clear walkways & drop off areas to be used after snowfall. Areas that cannot be cleared, or that are not essential for the running of the school, will be avoided by staff and pupils. HF will decide on the day whether outdoor play is suitable. If outdoor play goes ahead, additional supervision may be required. Priority will be given to commonly used routes. Emergency exits and escape routes will be cleared, providing at least 1m walkways.	Staff are aware they are responsible for sticking to paths which are clear and safe to use, and will not attempt to use unsafe or obstructed paths.	HF Staff		
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Travel in adverse weather.	Staff Pupils Visitors	HF will make the decision, based on current conditions, by 7.30 am whether or not the school is safe to open. Staff and Parents will be informed that they should only travel to the site if it is safe to do so. The school will maintain communication with parents during adverse weather to avoid unnecessary journeys. The school will maintain contact with school transport providers and regularly review changing weather conditions. It may be necessary to close the school early in certain situations to ensure staff and pupils can return home safely.	The school has an adverse weather procedure in place for maintaining provision during adverse weather, where it is safe to do so. A nominated local member of staff will monitor weather conditions during adverse weather, and assess, in conjunction with HF, whether it is safe to open the school.	HF Staff		
Gritting and clearing of snow and ice	Staff Pupils Visitors	Staff nominated to clear walkways or grit have appropriate manual handling training. Staff nominated to clear walkways or grit have appropriate clothing, footwear and equipment (shovels, grit spreader) Only areas key to the opening of the school will be cleared. Large areas such as play areas or sports fields will not be cleared.		HF Staff		

