



# Snow and Ice Policy

## Exeter College

### **Introduction**

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This document seeks to cover both the hours when the maintenance team is on site but also to set down a short-term solution for when unexpected adverse weather conditions occur out of the normal working hours (which includes weekends and bank holidays).

### **Weather Forecast**

When there is significant risk of frost following wet conditions or when snow has been forecast, the maintenance team with help, when possible, from the outside Scouts, will, as a precaution, distribute either salt or grit, or both, to the following areas:

- Main College entrance on Turl Street
- Paving slabs around the Front Quadrangle
- Cobbled stones through link to the Back Quadrangle
- Paving slabs for adjoining staircases 12, 13 & 14 in the Back Quadrangle
- Car Park area in the Back Quadrangle
- Paving slabs leading from staircase 5 to the Library
- Wooden ramps outside entrances for staircases 5 (either side) and 10
- Paving ramp leading up to staircase 3
- The Chapel steps
- The Maintenance steps
- The Bursary steps
- The Rectors Lodgings area and steps

### **Snow and Ice Accumulations**

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Materials used will include grit, salt or a combination of two; wheel-barrow for distribution/delivery; salt/grit spreader; shovels. These materials will be stored in the Maintenance area.

### **Out of Normal Working Hours**

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On occasions the forecast may be incorrect or inaccurate and the College may need to carry out some emergency gritting/salting. Under these circumstances the College has a few options.

- a. A porter could be utilised to apply the required materials to some of the priority areas.
- b. Student volunteers could be utilised to carry out the work.
- c. The situation could warrant a maintenance callout approach reliant on the goodwill of contractors or the maintenance staff to get to site in what could be difficult conditions.

### **Clear Up**

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## Exeter House

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- Front of Exeter House path/driveway leading to properties 235, Pavilion and Block B
- Block B Steps for Basement and First Floor
- Paving slabs around the Back Quadrangle leading to Blocks K, M & E
- Pathway through link past Block E/Wardens Flat to the small Quadrangle of Blocks F & G
- Pathway leading past SKP House Laundry
- The Laundry Basement Steps
- Pathway leading past SKP house and Block B linking into the Back Quadrangle
- Paving slabs to Block A & Norman House

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- Front path/driveways leading up to the entrances of 214-222
- Front path/driveways leading up to the entrances of 224-226
- Front path/driveways leading up to the entrances of 228-230
- 214 Kitchen outside ramp leading into back garden
- 218-220 outside emergency exit ramp leading into back garden
- 226 Maintenance workshop pathway down side of property into back garden

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