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Dear Mr Parker

Thank you for the question submitted to the Washington Area Committee regarding closure of Fatfield Primary School during snowy conditions.

Schools have devolved budgets and gritting and snow clearance is normally a task performed by school caretakers. The decision to close the school is also devolved to the Headteachers.

City Services will assist schools when requested to do so, but it will be after other priorities in the winter maintenance plan are completed. To help access to schools, gritting routes in the winter maintenance plan have been amended and treat roads that pass schools wherever possible.

I hope this answers your question.

Yours sincerely



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