

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Dear Parents

Message from the Birmingham City Council Health Protection team

- Following on from the **Yellow Cold Health Alert** issued by the **Met Office** for the **West Midlands** in effect between today (Monday 8th January) and 12 January 2024 at 12:00pm, this has now been updated to an **Amber Cold Health Alert**.
- Amber alerts are triggered as soon as the weather described following a Yellow alert has occurred. It indicates that severe winter weather is now happening and an impact on health and health services is expected. (Met Office forecasts a 60% chance of severe winter weather (a mean temperature of 2°C or less and/or heavy snow and widespread ice), in one or more defined geographical areas for a period of at least 48 hours in the next 5 days.)
- This weather could increase the health risks to vulnerable patients and disrupt the delivery of services. Please share the following information and attached guidance with your staff, service users, communities and partner networks to help ensure that citizens – particularly those who are most vulnerable - are adequately prepared.

Please read the attached useful information

Please contact school if you need additional support

Thank you

Hodge Hill Primary