



## King's Academy Northern Parade

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Dear Parent/Carer

Please note that an Amber Alert for cold weather has been issued by Portsmouth City Council between 12pm on 8th January 2024 and 12pm on 12th January 2024.

School will remain open as normal and all children are expected to attend. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves. Children without cold weather clothing will not be permitted to go outside at play time and lunch time during the period that the Amber Alert remains in place.

Please see the information below from PCC regarding the risks involved with an amber weather warning.

### Information from PCC

#### 1. What is the risk?

An Amber Alert represents a situation in which the expected impacts are likely to be felt across the health and social care sectors, with potential for the whole population to be at risk. Other sectors, apart from health and social care (for example transport) may also start to observe impacts, indicating that a coordinated response is required. Additionally, in some circumstances a National Severe Weather Warning Service (NSWWS) warning may be issued for snow, ice or wind in conjunction with and aligned to the Cold Health Alert. This situation would indicate that significant impacts are expected across multiple sectors.

Organisations are advised to continue to monitor the local situation, consider implementing precautionary measures as indicated below and expect further information from the Joint Emergency Planning Duty Officer if the risk changes.

Portsmouth Forecast	Southampton Forecast
The weather forecast for Portsmouth during this period is can be viewed using the following links <a href="#">Metoffice weather forecast Portsmouth</a> and <a href="#">BBC Weather Portsmouth</a>	The weather forecast for Southampton during this period is can be viewed using the following links <a href="#">Metoffice weather forecast Southampton</a> and <a href="#">BBC Weather Southampton</a>



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## 2. What actions should I consider for an Amber cold weather warning?

Please refer to the table and action cards below.

There are 4 levels in the Met Office cold weather warning system as summarised in the table below:

<b>Green</b>	No alert issued. Considered business as usual
<b>Yellow</b>	Issued where impacts may be expected for those who are particularly vulnerable or where the confidence in weather forecast for more severe period of cold is low
<b>Amber</b>	(Enhanced response) Issued for situations where impacts are expected across the population. Where impacts are expected across other sectors, an AMBER National Severe Weather Warning Service (NSWWS) Emergency Control (EC) may also be issued
<b>Red</b>	Significant risk to life for even the healthy population

Please refer to the action cards in the UK Health Security Agency Cold Weather Plan

### Community and voluntary sector:

- [Cold-Health Alert summary action card for voluntary and community sector](#)
- [Suggested actions to consider for an amber alert](#)

### Portsmouth ONLY

Switched on Portsmouth offer a service which provides vulnerable households with emergency support during the winter months. Support can be requested via the freephone number: 0800 260 5907

Alternatively you can find more information on the support offered via [www.switchedonportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.switchedonportsmouth.co.uk)

You should refer to the UK Health Security Agency Cold Weather Plan and the "Keep Warm, Keep Well" information leaflet for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cold-weather-plan-cwp-for-england>

[Tips for staying warm and well this winter - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Warm Regards



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