



20th August 2010

Dear Parents

This notice informs parents of the actions that will be taken in the event of heavy persistent rain or typhoons affecting Hong Kong. **Please retain for future reference!**

RAINSTORM WARNING SYSTEM (AMBER, RED, BLACK)

The following will apply when a rain alert is announced:

SIGNAL OR ALERT ISSUED	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
AMBER	Schools will operate as usual.
<p>RED OR BLACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the start of school. • After pupils have set off for school, but before the commencement of school. • When classes are in session. 	<p>Schools will close for the whole day.</p> <p>Schools will be open to accept children, who will then be retained until it is safe to allow them to proceed home by normal means.</p> <p>Everybody should remain where they are. No children will be released from school unless their parents or guardians arrive to collect them. Buses will only be allowed to transport the children home by their normal routes after the alert drops to amber. Parents should contact the bus operator if they intend collecting their children.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT : SCHOOL BUSES</u> School buses will not be allowed to commence homeward journeys when a RED or BLACK rainstorm warning or T8 is in effect. If a RED or BLACK alert exists at the end of the school day the buses will be delayed until the alert drops to AMBER or T3. If RED OR BLACK alert is still in place at 4:00 pm the school buses will be cancelled and parents will need to collect their children once it is safe to do so.</p> <p>Please be assured that during RED or BLACK children continue to be supervised at school.</p> <p>If telephoning the school please know your child’s class and teacher’s name and their bus number.</p>

If no announcements on school closures are made, parents should use their discretion if, in the early morning, local weather conditions are such that they feel it unsafe for their children to travel to school. Parents are asked to inform the school if they decide to keep their children at home under these circumstances.

TROPICAL CYCLONES (TYPHOONS)

The tropical cyclone warning system will be invoked when a tropical cyclone is expected to affect Hong Kong. The following will apply when a typhoon signal is announced:

TYPHOON SIGNAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Hoisting of No. 1	Schools operate as usual
Hoisting of No. 3	Schools operate as usual, unless advised otherwise
Hoisting of No. 8 (or above)	Schools close
Lowering of No. 8	Schools resume the next full day

Whenever possible, announcements will be made in the early morning and will be timed before children set out from their homes. The first radio announcement in the morning will be before 6.15 a.m. The announcement will be repeated at regular and frequent intervals. Please, if in doubt, err on the side of safety and keep your children at home.

Schools In Session

If schools are in session and **the situation is likely to deteriorate rapidly**, the Director of Education will make a public announcement over the radio and television stations advising of the **imminent closure** of all schools. In such instances, the school will make adequate arrangements to ensure the safety of pupils and their safe return home. Buses will be ordered and children will return home by their normal routes. Those children who are normally met at school will be kept in school until collected by a responsible adult. Once the T8 is raised school buses are NOT allowed to operate.

Resumption of Schooling

Schools normally resume work the next day after **Typhoon Signal No. 8** has been lowered. However, if schools remain officially closed an announcement will be broadcast over the radio early in the morning.

Parents should always use their discretion in sending their children back to school if local weather, road or transport conditions have not returned to normal. Parents are asked to inform the school if they keep their children at home under such circumstances.

Yours sincerely



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