Severe Weather Policy (For School Days only)

According to the instructions of the Education Bureau (EDB), the school will adopt the following measures in case of tropical cyclones or heavy persistent rain.

Tropical Cyclones

When tropical cyclones affect Hong Kong, the following general arrangements will apply and the EDB will make appropriate public announcements accordingly:

Inclement Weather Conditions	School Arrangements
1. Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal **No.1 or No.3**	• Classes are to operate as usual unless advised otherwise.
2. When Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal **Pre-No.8 / No.8 or above** is issued	• Classes are to be suspended.
3. When Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or above is **replaced by Signal No.3**	• Unless previous announcement has been made to the effect that classes will be suspended for the entire day, classes are to resume if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.3 has been issued before 5:30 a.m.
4. When Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.3 is replaced by **Signal No.1 or when all tropical cyclone signals** are cancelled	• Classes are to resume unless previous announcement has been made to the effect that classes will be suspended for the entire day.

Heavy Persistent Rain

In the event of rainstorms, the following general arrangements will apply and the EDB will make appropriate public announcements accordingly:

Inclement Weather Conditions	School Arrangements
1. When **AMBER Rainstorm Warning Signal** is issued	• Classes are to operate as usual unless advised otherwise.
2. When **RED or BLACK Rainstorm Warning Signal** is issued	
a. From 5:30 a.m. onwards and before 6:00 a.m.	• Classes are to be suspended for the entire day. • Students who have not left for school should stay home.
b. From 6:00 a.m. onwards and before 8:00 a.m.	• Students do not have to attend school that day. • Students who have not left for school should stay home. • If students / parents learn about the class suspension announcement on their way to school, they should decide whether to proceed with their journey to school taking into consideration the rain, road, slope or traffic conditions. • Students who have already arrived at school should remain in school until it is safe for them to return home. • Parents do NOT need to pick up their children from school immediately.
c. From 8:00 a.m. onwards	• Classes are to be continued until the end of normal school hours when the conditions are safe before allowing students to return home.
d. If **RED** / **BLACK** Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued during school hours **and is taken down before dismissal time**:	• Regular dismissal procedures. • School bus and nanny bus services will be as usual. Parents or designated responsible adults should arrive at the usual pick-up spots on time to pick up their children.

e.	If **RED**/**BLACK** Rainstorm Warning Signal or Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal **No. 8** is issued during normal school hours **but is not taken down upon dismissal**:	• Students will stay at school unless they are picked-up by parents or designated responsible adults. • Parents or designated responsible adults can come to school to collect their children in person anytime at their own discretion. However, they should NOT rush to school to collect their children under dangerous road conditions. • Upon arrival at school, they should line up at the **2/F school lobby** and present the **Student Identity Card** for verification. After they have fetched their children from the classrooms, they should go down to the yard to depart so as to avoid congestion in the lobby. .
		• All school bus services will be **cancelled**, parents or designated responsible adults can come to school to collect their children in person anytime at their own discretion. However, they should NOT rush to school to collect their children under dangerous road conditions. • Upon arrival at school, they should line up at the **2/F school lobby** and present the **Student Identity Card** for verification. After they have fetched their children from the classrooms, they should go down to the yard to depart so as to avoid congestion in the lobby.
		• Regular Student Dismissal Permit Holders who are used to going home by THEMSELVES will **stay at school** until the BLACK / RED Rainstorm Warning Signal or Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 has been taken down, but parents or designated responsible adults can come to the school to collect the children anytime at their own discretion. However, they should NOT rush to school to collect their children under dangerous road conditions. • Upon arrival at school, they should line up at the **2/F school lobby** and present the **Student Identity Card** for verification. After they have fetched their children from the classrooms, they should go down to the yard to depart so as to avoid congestion in the lobby.

	• Students taking nanny bus will stay at school until the rainstorm warning signal is lowered. Parents need to coordinate and make individual travel arrangements directly with their respective nanny bus service provider. • Parents or designated responsible adults can come to school to collect their children in person anytime at their own discretion. However, they should NOT rush to school to collect their children under dangerous road conditions. • Upon arrival at school, they should line up at the **2/F school lobby** and present the **Student Identity Card** for verification. After they have fetched their children from the classrooms, they should go down to the yard to depart so as to avoid congestion in the lobby.
	• All ECAs in the afternoon will be cancelled.
	• On the condition that the warning signal is issued on a Friday, ECAs the next day will be held as scheduled UNLESS school suspension is announced by the EDB or the RED / BLACK Rainstorm Warning Signal or Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal **No. 8** is issued by 6:30 a.m.

Remarks:

1. Parents are advised to pay close attention to radio and television announcements in case of tropical cyclones or heavy persistent rain, the actual arrangement is subject to the Education Bureau's announcement. (Please refer to Education Bureau Circular No.5/2022 Tropical Cyclones and Heavy Persistent Rain Arrangements for Kindergartens and Day Schools.)

2. If school closure happens during Assessment Week, assessments will be postponed. Parents will be notified via push message.

3. All activities organised by the school will be cancelled when the Education Bureau announces the suspension of classes.

4. Parents may exercise their discretion in deciding whether or not to send their children to school during inclement weather. In the event of adverse local weather, road, slope or traffic conditions, parents should keep their children at home for the sake of safety. Allowance will be given to affected students for lateness or absence at parents' discretion on days with inclement weather or flooding, and such students will not be penalised. Parents are also encouraged to teach their children how to cope with the inconvenience caused by severe weather (e.g. reminding them to bring spare clothes or an extra pair of socks and shoes to school).

5. **School Dismissal Permit Holders** means students who have parental consent to leave the school premises and travel home by themselves and who have been issued with School Dismissal Permits.