



Guidelines for Suspension of Classes Due to Adverse Weather or Other Conditions

The safety of our students and staff is our priority, so in the event of extreme weather it may be necessary to modify our school schedules on occasion. As always, parents are advised to use their best judgment in determining whether to send their children to school when inclement weather conditions or other road or safety conditions prevail.

Any decision to suspend classes or delay opening due to weather or other events will be made by the Head of School, or when absent, by one of the Principals, after considering the view of the Government and/or relevant school officials where appropriate.

The school will suspend classes temporarily in the following circumstances:

- Extreme weather conditions
- Instruction from the Education Bureau, the Department of Health, or other Statutory Agency of the Government of Hong Kong that is empowered to close schools
- Emergency or critical incident
- Risk to health or safety
- Special events in Hong Kong
- Traffic conditions

The Education Department usually makes a decision at 6am on such mornings. Under normal circumstances, CDNIS will follow the Government's recommendation and will not call parents directly. Under normal circumstances, the Head of School shall ensure adequate notice is given to the parents through a variety of media including an alert on the website or mobile app. Parents are advised to check the website for updates regularly when classes are suspended. Parents should also pay close attention to television/radio announcements, as well as Government websites. CDNIS will not call parents directly and parents are responsible for checking for any announcements.

Useful Websites:

www.cdnis.edu.hk	Canadian International School of Hong Kong
www.hko.gov.hk	Hong Kong Observatory
www.epd.gov.hk	Environmental Protection Department
www.edb.gov.hk	Education Bureau
www.chp.gov.hk	Centre for Health Protection





Weather Warnings

The guidelines below are an indication for suspension of face-to-face and remote classes during adverse weather conditions. The school will always put safety first to safeguard student welfare under any circumstances.

Warning Status	Before School (@ 6am)	During School	Off Campus Activities
AMBER RAIN Heavy rain is expected	School open Regular classes	School open Regular classes	Closely monitor situation At discretion of teachers
RED RAIN Heavy rain has started to fall, with 50mm of rain over the last hour	School suspended All classes suspended Students stay at home	Classes remain in session Students stay at school until regular dismissal time or until safe to go home	Before activity – cancelled During activity – students will return to school
BLACK RAIN Over 100mm of rain has been recorded over the last 2 hours	School suspended All classes are suspended Students stay at home	Classes remain in session Students stay at school until regular dismissal time or until safe to go home	Cancelled
THUNDERSTORM Thunderstorms likely to affect Hong Kong	School open Regular classes	School open Regular classes	Closely monitor situation At discretion of teachers
TYPHOON 1 SIGNAL (T1) Tropical cyclone approx. 800 km off Hong Kong	School open Regular classes	School open Regular classes	Closely monitor situation At discretion of teachers
TYPHOON 3 SIGNAL (T3) Strong Wind Speed 4162km/h. Gusts may exceed 110 km/h	EY1 & EY2 (AM) classes are suspended A decision will be made for EY1 & EY2 (PM) classes by 10am Regular classes for students in Prep to Gr 12	Classes remain in session EY1 & EY2 (PM) classes will be suspended	Before activity – cancelled During activity – students will return to school
TYPHOON 8 SIGNAL (T8+) Gale or storm force wind Speed 63-117 km/h, Gusts may exceed 180 km/h	School suspended All classes are suspended Students stay at home	Classes will be dismissed Students stay at school until collected or safe to go home	Cancelled



Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)

Hong Kong's air quality can fluctuate considerably each day and from area to area. The [AQHI](#) is issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to provide a simple and uniform way to report daily air pollution concentrations. The school monitors these levels using the **Southern Station** for campus based activities however, teachers may monitor off-campus activities at their discretion. The school follows these guidelines which have been adopted and modified by the EPD Health Advice:

Health Risk	AQHI Band	Health Advice	Recommendations for EY1 & EY2	Recommendations for Prep to Gr 12
Low	1-3	No action required		
Moderate	4-6	No action required		
High	7	Reduce outdoor physical exertion and time outdoors	Physical activities of moderate to low intensity for the following types of activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Running/jumping ✓ Ball games (i.e. soccer) ✓ Cycling 	The intensity and duration of the following activities should be at a moderate level : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PE Lessons ✓ Athletics Meets ✓ Swimming Galas ✓ Ball games (i.e. soccer) ✓ Outdoor Activities (i.e. camps) ✓ Cross Country
Very High	8-10	Reduce to the minimum outdoor physical exertion and time outdoors	Physical activities of moderate to low intensity and minimum duration for the following types of activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Running/jumping ✓ Ball games (i.e. soccer) ✓ School picnics/outings Prolonged outdoor activities not recommended	The intensity and duration of the following activities should be at a moderate to low level : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PE Lessons ✓ Games Days ✓ Athletics Meets ✓ Swimming Galas ✓ Ball Games (i.e. soccer) ✓ Outdoor Activities (i.e. camps) Activities not recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Cross Country
Serious	10+	Avoid being outdoors	Avoid physical exertion Outdoor ASAs will be moved to indoor supervised areas Outdoor athletics cancelled	



Susceptible Students

Susceptible students are those who have a medical condition, such as heart, respiratory or chronic illnesses (i.e., asthma, chronic bronchitis and chronic obstructive airways diseases), which is indicated on your child's submitted medical information. For susceptible students, the following recommendations are in place:

AQHI Band	Applicable AQHI Recommendations
7	8-10
≥ 8	10+