



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
www.hko.gov.hk
www.epd.gov.hk
www.edb.gov.hk
www.chp.gov.hk

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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.

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Nursery - Early Years 2

SIGNAL	 雷暴 Thunderstorm	 Amber 黃	 Red 紅	 Black 黑	T1	L3	8 SE 東南
WARNING	Thunderstorm Warning	Amber Rain Warning	Red Rain Warning	Black Rain Warning	Typhoon Signal 1	Typhoon Signal 3	Typhoon Signal 8
NURSERY - EY1 MORNING CLASS (Hoisted Before 6am)	SCHOOL IN SESSION	SCHOOL IN SESSION	IMPLEMENT ONLINE LEARNING	CLASSES SUSPENDED	SCHOOL IN SESSION	CLASSES SUSPENDED	CLASSES SUSPENDED
NURSERY - EY1 AFTERNOON CLASS (Hoisted Before 10am)	SCHOOL IN SESSION	SCHOOL IN SESSION	IMPLEMENT ONLINE LEARNING	CLASSES SUSPENDED	SCHOOL IN SESSION	CLASSES SUSPENDED	CLASSES SUSPENDED
EY2 FULL DAY CLASS	SCHOOL IN SESSION	SCHOOL IN SESSION	IMPLEMENT ONLINE LEARNING	CLASSES SUSPENDED	SCHOOL IN SESSION	CLASSES SUSPENDED (if hoisted before 6am; otherwise classes continue)	CLASSES SUSPENDED
DURING SCHOOL	SCHOOL IN SESSION	SCHOOL IN SESSION	CLASSES CONTINUE Students stay at school until regular dismissal or until safe to go home.	CLASSES CONTINUE Students stay at school until regular dismissal or until safe to go home.	SCHOOL IN SESSION	CLASSES CONTINUE Students stay at school until regular dismissal or until safe to go home.	Students stay at school until safe to go home
AFTER SCHOOL	ACTIVITIES CONTINUE weather permitting	ACTIVITIES CONTINUE weather permitting	ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED	ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED	ACTIVITIES CONTINUE weather permitting	ACTIVITIES CONTINUE - weather permitting - participation at parent's discretion	Students stay at school until safe to go home

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PREP - Grade 12

SIGNAL	 雷暴 Thunderstorm	 Amber 黃	 Red 紅	 Black 黑	T1	L3	8 SE 東南
WARNING	Thunderstorm Warning	Amber Rain Warning	Red Rain Warning	Black Rain Warning	Typhoon Signal 1	Typhoon Signal 3	Typhoon Signal 8
BEFORE SCHOOL (Hoisted before 6am)	SCHOOL IN SESSION	SCHOOL IN SESSION	IMPLEMENT ONLINE LEARNING	CLASSES SUSPENDED	SCHOOL IN SESSION	SCHOOL IN SESSION	CLASSES SUSPENDED
DURING SCHOOL	SCHOOL IN SESSION	SCHOOL IN SESSION	CLASSES CONTINUE Students stay at school until regular dismissal or until safe to go home.	CLASSES CONTINUE Students stay at school until regular dismissal or until safe to go home.	SCHOOL IN SESSION	SCHOOL IN SESSION	Students stay at school until safe to go home
AFTER SCHOOL	ACTIVITIES CONTINUE weather permitting	ACTIVITIES CONTINUE weather permitting	ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED	ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED	ACTIVITIES CONTINUE weather permitting	ACTIVITIES CONTINUE weather permitting	ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED

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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 <p>Prolonged outdoor activities not recommended</p>	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) <p>Activities not recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Cross Country </p>
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 a child's submitted medical information. For susceptible students, the following recommendations are in place:

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