




Severe Weather Procedures

SIGNALS	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	PARENTS
	<p>All schools will operate normally.</p>	
	<p>All schools will operate as normal unless advised otherwise.</p> <p><i>Please listen to the TV/radio or visit the school website at www.island.edu.hk in case the weather deteriorates.</i></p>	
	<p>Before school starts: The school will close.</p> <p>Students in transit to school: The school will receive and hold students until arrangements can be made for them to return home safely.</p> <p>During school hours: The school will close. The school will ensure that safe and adequate arrangements can be made for students to return home or until a parent / designated adult collects them.</p> <p>Students will not be sent home on school buses once a Signal 8+ or a Red/Black rainstorm warning has been hoisted.</p>	<p>Announcements of school closures before the start of the school day will be made on the radio and television from 6:00am onwards. You may also visit the HK Observatory website at http://www.hko.gov.hk.</p> <p>In the event of a Signal Pre-8, Signal 8 or a Red/Black rainstorm warning while the students are in school:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do not call the school unless absolutely necessary as our lines may get blocked. Regularly check the following for updates: Your email and text messages School website at www.island.edu.hk <p>When relevant observatory signals are lowered, the emergency notices will be removed from the school website, indicating a business as usual situation.</p> <p>During External Examinations, separate rules apply - see previous section.</p>

Severe Weather Policy during External Examinations

For those taking external examinations (e.g. GCSE/IGCSE, IB Diploma or BTEC), please note the following:

- In the event of a Signal 8 or above, it is likely that all examinations will be postponed. Check the school website at www.island.edu.hk for the latest update.

- In the event of a Red/Black rainstorm warning, parents should listen to the radio for announcements about examinations and check the school website at www.island.edu.hk.
- Even if there is a decision to close schools, you must assume that exams will take place unless there is a separate announcement from the school postponing them.
- In the event of postponement, there will be announcements made about rescheduling.
- You will be advised about contingency plans for examinations as part of the information you receive before the exam period.

Parents will be advised about contingency plans for extreme weather by the school in their communications to parents on examination arrangements.

The school does not act alone, we receive instructions made by the ESF Exam Group which applies to all schools.

Hot weather procedures

During the summer months the relative heat index is used to determine when the environment for outdoor activities poses an increased risk for heat related emergencies. The index takes into account both temperature and humidity to determine the 'relative' temperature.

Relative Humidity Index									
Information for Wong Chuk Hang from Hong Kong Observatory									
RH%	28°C	29°C	30°C	31°C	32°C	33°C	34°C	35°C	36°C
50	28.4	29.7	31	32.6	34.4	36.3	38.4	40.7	43.1
60	29.4	31	32.8	34.8	37.1	39.5	42.2	45.1	48.1
70	30.7	32.7	35	37.6	40.4	43.5	46.8	50.3	54.2
80	32.1	34.7	37.7	40.9	44.4	48.1	52.2	56.5	61.2
90	33.7	37.1	40.7	44.7	49	53.5	58.4	63.7	69.2
100	35.6	39.7	44.2	49	54.2	59.7	65.5	71.7	78.2
Take care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate students on signs and symptoms of heat stroke • Modify activities to suit abilities of students • Monitor students regularly • Encourage students to drinks fluids 								
More Caution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule classes to involve breaks. During breaks, monitor students to ensure they rehydrate • Plan activities to limit over-exertion • Consider modifying activities to maximise use of shaded/ indoor areas 								
Danger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat exhaustion likely with prolonged exposure * Refer to Hot Weather procedure below 								
Extreme Danger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat stroke likely • Sun burn likely (especially for swimming) • Use indoor facilities only * Refer to Hot Weather procedure below 								

Playtime Alert		Air Quality Health Index Information for Central/ Western Station as advised by the EDB		
Level	Action	Health Risk Category	AQHI	Recommended Precautionary Actions
Green Play	Play as normal	Low	1 - 3	No response action is required
		Moderate	4 - 6	No response action is required
Amber Play	• Wear a hat	High	7	Children are advised to reduce outdoor physical exertion, and to reduce the time of their stay outdoors.
	• Drink plenty of water			
	• Reduce physical activities			
Red Play	• No running	Very High	8 - 10	Children are advised to reduce to the minimum outdoor exposure and to remain indoors when possible
	• No ball games			
	• Inside play	Serious	10+	Remain indoors