



Australian International School Hong Kong
香港澳洲國際學校



WEATHER POLICY

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AISHK WEATHER GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS





The rainy and typhoon season in Hong Kong is normally between April and September. The Observatory's rainstorm and typhoon warning system is designed to alert the public about the occurrence of heavy rain, which is likely to bring about major disruptions, and to ensure a state of readiness within the essential services to deal with emergencies.

To ensure the safety of all students and staff, AISHK will follow the procedures outlined in this document in-line with the Observatory's rainstorm and typhoon warning system and various actions mandated by the Education Bureau. Information about actions taken by AISHK will be communicated to parents via email and the school's website.

Useful Websites for Updates:

AISHK School Website	www.aishk.edu.hk/
Hong Kong Observatory	www.hko.gov.hk/en/
Hong Kong Education Bureau	www.edb.gov.hk/en/index.html

RAINSTORMS

Warning	Signal	AISHK Procedure
Thunderstorm		AISHK operates as usual.
Amber Rainstorm		AISHK operates as usual.
Red Rainstorm		<p><i>Before School (Announced before 8:00 am)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes will be suspended on campus and work will be provided for students. In the event of scheduled public examinations for senior students, the Head of Secondary will communicate arrangements to students and parents via email. If the Red Rainstorm signal is lowered before 9:30 am, the school will email parents to confirm that the afternoon Reception class will operate as normal. AISHK will accept those who arrive and retain them until it is safe to allow them to proceed home. All AISHK staff to arrive at school as usual, prioritising personal and household safety. <p><i>During School (Announced at or after 8:00 am)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AISHK operates until the end of normal school hours and parents are not required to take any action during the normal school day. AISHK staff do not leave until all student departures are safely completed. All school excursions and offsite activities will be postponed. <p><i>After School</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students Reception to Year 12, will return to their home room and will be supervised by their teachers until the signal is lowered to Amber. Students are not permitted to be dismissed unless they are picked up by an adult or the school announces it is safe for them to leave. The bus company, will transport students home once the signal is lowered to Amber. If the Red signal remains in force at 4:15pm, buses will be cancelled and parents or guardians will need to collect students from campus. All ECAs will be cancelled.
Black Rainstorm		<p><i>Before School (Announced before 8:00 am)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes will be suspended on campus and work will be provided for students. In the event of scheduled public examinations for senior students, the Head of Secondary will communicate arrangements to students and parents via email. AISHK will accept those who arrive and retain them until it is safe to allow them to proceed home. <p><i>During School (Announced at or after 8:00 am)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All school excursions and offsite activities will be postponed or cancelled . Parents are advised NOT to come to the school during a Black Rainstorm. Students will stay on campus supervised by their teachers, until the rain signal is lowered or they are cancelled by their parents <p><i>After School</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No students will be dismissed. Government directives are that all persons should remain where they are until the signal is lowered, so parents should not be travelling to collect their child. All students Reception to Year 12, will return to their home room and will be supervised by their teachers. Once Black is lowered to Red, the procedures for Red rain dismissal apply. Once the rain signal has been lowered to Amber, students may be dismissed and travel home by their normal mode of transport. All ECAs will be cancelled.

NOTES

The school monitors weather updates during rainstorms and we request that parents do the same. Personal and household safety should always be prioritised.






There are times when parents should use their discretion in deciding whether or not to send their child to school. Parents should keep their child at home if it seems that local weather, road, slope or traffic conditions at that time may be unsafe.

Local weather conditions might mean that AISHK has to close the campus to ensure the safety of the community. The announcement will be made, as soon as possible.

All parents are requested to ensure that the school has up to date contact details. Parents of students using the school bus service should provide contact numbers to the bus company for communication in case of emergency (extreme weather). Please visit iSams> Communications to update your details.

TROPICAL CYCLONES

In the event of typhoon the school's policy is to follow instructions given by the relevant authorities, usually the Hong Kong Observatory and EDB. Please note that if the public authorities announce that Kindergartens are closed in a Typhoon Signal No. 3, this applied to our Reception Year only.

Typhoon	Signal	AISHK Procedure
Hoisting No. 1 signal		AISHK operates as usual.
Hoisting No. 3 signal		Reception Year to close. Other classes to operate as usual unless advised otherwise.
Hoisting Pre-No. 8 signal or above	  	All schools to close.
No. 8 signal or above hoisted during the day with two hours notice		Students that normally travel home by school bus will be sent home by bus. All other students should be collected by an adult.
Lowering all signals		All classes to resume the next day.

When a tropical cyclone is approaching Hong Kong, the Education Bureau (EDB) will make an announcement advising whether or not to send students to school. The announcements whenever possible will be before students leave their homes.

During the school day – when the Hong Kong Observatory forecasts that the weather is likely to deteriorate rapidly due to an impending Typhoon Signal 8 or above, a public announcement will be made, advising that classes will be suspended, and schools are to implement dismissal procedures for students. If the T8 signal is raised during the day (with 2 hours notice) AISHK will implement our Student Release Process. It is important that you provide the school with the release procedure for your child to go home in case of emergency dismissal due to a typhoon. Parents are asked confirm these details at the start of each year.

STUDENT RELEASE, WHEN A TYPHOONS 8 IS RAISED DURING A SCHOOL DAY

Adults who arrive to collect students will be directed to their child's specific classroom and teacher, from where the student will be dismissed.

- Primary**
- Students who normally travel home independently will be dismissed directly from their classroom.
 - Students who are to be picked up by helpers, parents or siblings will wait in the classroom until collected.
 - Teachers will record the mode of travel and the name of the parent/carer/sibling.
 - Students travelling by school bus will wait in the classroom until their specific bus is called over the P.A. system. Students will then be sent down to their respective bus.
 - Students who are not collected during the designated dismissal time will wait for collection, with essential staff, in the 2/F Auditorium.

- Secondary**
- Secondary students who travel home independently will be dismissed directly from their classes.
 - Secondary students who are required to accompany their younger sibling/s home, will report to the relevant Primary classroom to collect their sibling/s.

AIR POLLUTION

Hong Kong experiences changeable air quality throughout the year. If your child has asthma or allergies, please make sure you alert the school when your child is enrolled. Below is the, Air Pollution Index List, guidance for schools.

AISHK monitors pollution readings as necessary, published by the Environmental Protection Department, www.epd-asg.gov.hk

Health Risk Category	Label	AQHI	People who are sensitive to Air Pollution		AISHK Action
			People with existing heart or respiratory illnesses*	Children & Elderly	
Low		1	No response action is required.	No response action is required.	As required
		2			
		3			
Moderate		4	No response action is normally required. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms are advised to consider reducing outdoor physical exertion.	No response action is required.	As required
		5			
		6			
High		7	People with existing heart or respiratory illnesses are advised to reduce outdoor physical exertion, and to reduce time staying outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. They should also seek advice from a doctor before participating in sport activities and take more breaks during physical activities.	Children and the elderly are advised to reduce outdoor physical exertion, and to reduce staying outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. They should also seek advice from a doctor before participating in sport activities and take more breaks during physical activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay indoors Cancel outdoor activity ECA indoor component continues
Very High		8	People with existing heart or respiratory illnesses are advised to reduce to the minimum outdoor physical exertion, and to reduce staying outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic.	Children and the elderly are advised to reduce to the minimum outdoor physical exertion, and to reduce staying outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay indoors Cancel outdoor activity ECA indoor component continues
		9			
		10			
Serious		10+	People with existing heart or respiratory illnesses are advised to avoid outdoor physical exertion, and to avoid staying outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic.	Children and the elderly are advised to avoid outdoor physical exertion, and to avoid staying outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay indoors Cancel outdoor activity ECA indoor component continues

VERY HOT WEATHER WARNING PROCEDURES

AISHK's response to hot weather conditions is guided by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO). When the, Very Hot Weather warning is in forced by the Hong Kong Observatory, AISHK will enact the following procedures during outside playing times:

- Regular drink breaks throughout the day including before and after playing breaks.
- Students encouraged to seek indoor shelter through the library/cafeteria/indoor clubs (where appropriate for the year level).
- Hats always worn outside for Primary students and strongly encouraged for Secondary students.
- Encourage students to apply sunscreen before going outside (sunscreen available in the Primary classrooms and Nurse's Office on the 2nd Floor).
- Drink bottles taken to recess and lunch playing times.
- Minimise ball and running games.
- P.E lessons to moved indoors where appropriate.
- Outdoor ECAs to modify training as needed.
- Outdoor excursions will be modified or postponed/cancelled.

In the event that a student becomes unwell due to excessive heat, the student is to be taken directly to the School Nurse on 2nd Floor.