



SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION 2023/24

Hong Kong has a sub-tropical climate with distinct seasons. Typhoon season begins in May and ends in November. When a typhoon is approaching, warnings are broadcast on television and radio. There are various degrees of warning signals issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, but when the number 8 signal is in place, most of the city closes down, and all schools close. There is a separate warning system for heavy rain.

You can find detailed and up-to-date weather information on [the Hong Kong Observatory Website](https://www.hko.gov.hk/en/).

The information below outlines inclement weather procedures:

	Signal	Action	
Typhoon Signals	Typhoon Signal 1 or 3	All classes proceed as normal	
	Typhoon Signal 8 is hoisted before school starts.	Schools Closed If the signal is raised before you set off for school, please stay safe at home. If the signal is raised when travelling to school, children who arrive at school will be supervised until arrangements can be made for them to be collected at an appropriate time.	
	Typhoon Signal 8 is hoisted during school hours (with 2 hour warning period).	School Closes (over the next 2 hours) The pre-8 Signal indicates that the observatory expects to raise the T8 signal in the next two hours. This allows families the opportunity to be prepared. Safe and appropriate arrangements can be made for children to be collected.	
Rain Signals	Amber Rain Signal Hoisted	All classes proceed as normal	
	Red and Black Rain Signal Hoisted (before school)	<i>Before children leave for school</i>	Schools Closed. If the warning is raised before your child leaves for school, they should stay home.
		<i>After children have set off for school, but before the commencement of lessons</i>	Schools Closed Children who arrive at school will be supervised until it is safe to allow them to go home.
Red and Black Rain Signal Hoisted	School continues until the end of the normal school day. Children will be supervised until it is safe for them to return home.		



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(hoisted when classes are in session and removed by the end of the school day)		Generally, when the Red and Black Signal is removed before the end of the school day, students may return home by their normal means. If the signal comes down late in the afternoon, the school will communicate with families via the ESF App to ensure everyone leaves safely, and this may mean children who walk unaccompanied or travel by bus may need to be collected.
	Red and Black Rain Signal are in place at the end of the day	The school will continue to supervise students until it is safe for them to be collected. This includes students who normally go home on the school bus or walk home unaccompanied. In this situation, children will only be released if <u>requested by a parent to do so</u> . We will not request anyone to collect their children in dangerous conditions and will supervise children until they can be collected safely.