







## Inclement Weather Guidelines - Updated August 2024

Type of Warning	Information for Parents	Guidelines for Online Learning
 Typhoon Signal No. 1	All schools will operate as normal	
 Typhoon Signal no. 3	Primary and Secondary schools will operate as normal unless advised otherwise.	
 Typhoon Signal No. 8 and above	<p><b><u>Before school hours:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please listen to television and radio announcements before school. Announcements are usually made from 6 am onwards.</li> </ul> <p>If <b>Typhoon Signal Pre-8 or Signal 8 or above</b> is raised prior to school hours, <u>all schools will close.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pre-8 signal indicates that the observatory expects to raise the Signal 8 within two hours, giving schools and families the opportunity to be prepared. Ideally, if safety allows, the school will aim to have buses depart before the hoisting of the higher T8 signal</li> <li>If a signal is raised while students are travelling to school, the school is responsible for receiving the students and holding them until arrangements can be made for them to return home at an appropriate time.</li> </ul>	<p>If the Observatory hoists a Typhoon weather signal before the start of the school day and schools are closed, ESF will activate the work-from-home arrangement. A message will be sent through the ESF APP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online learning will be arranged for all year groups. Class teachers will communicate with families, and students will participate, if they are able to.</li> <li>The 'live' aspect of learning will include a class Zoom session 2 times per day.</li> </ul> <p>If extreme weather conditions occur and a typhoon signal is hoisted above a No. 8 signal and/or a Black Rain signal is hoisted, <b>the school will not provide online synchronous or asynchronous teaching and learning during this time.</b></p> <p>If the extreme weather conditions are down-graded to T8 or lower or below a Black Rain before 12 noon, schools will instigate their online learning provision for the rest of the school day.</p>

	<p><b><u>In school hours:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In this situation, the school will ensure that safe arrangements are made for students to return home.</li> <li>• Buses will depart as soon as possible and parents will be informed to ensure someone is at the bus stop to pick up their children.</li> <li>• Students who are not picked up at the bus stop, and whose families can not be contacted, will be returned to school. Parents must check the ESF App regularly for updates.</li> <li>• If buses cannot run the school will inform affected parents that their child/ren will remain supervised in school until it is safe to release them or until a parent or designated responsible adult picks them up.</li> <li>• <b>Students will not be sent home on school buses once a Signal 8 or above has been hoisted.</b></li> <li>• <b>Parents are encouraged to check the ESF App regularly for updates.</b></li> </ul> <p>In the unlikely event that children and staff remain at school past 5pm owing to inclement weather, a decision regarding food and accommodation will have to be made based on the available options at the time.</p> <p><b><u>Lowering of signals:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When a typhoon signal is lowered to Signal 3 or all signals are cancelled, all schools will open on the next school day and all transport can run as usual.</li> </ul>	
 <p>Amber Rainstorm</p>	<p>All schools will operate as normal. Please listen to radio and TV announcements in case the weather deteriorates.</p>	

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  <p>Red or Black Rainstorm Warning</p>	<p><b><u>Before the start of school</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All schools will close all day. If the warning is raised at the time your child is getting ready to set off for school, your child should stay home.</li> <li>• <b>After students have set off for school but before the commencement of school</b></li> <li>• Schools will accept and retain students until arrangements are made with their families for safe pickup.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>When classes are in session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools continue until the end of normal school hours and students are retained until conditions are safe for them to return home.</li> </ul> <p><b>School buses cannot run if the Red or Black rainstorm warning is still in effect.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Red/Black Rainstorm signal is still in place at 3:00 pm, the school will have buses on standby for the next 60 minutes if available. If the signal does not change, the school will ask parents to pick up their child(ren) when it is safe to do so.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parents are encouraged to check the ESF App regularly for updates.</b></p>	<p>If a Red Rain signal is hoisted before the start of the school day and school is closed, teachers will provide synchronous or asynchronous teaching and learning online as above.</p> <p>If a Black Rain signal is hoisted, <b>schools will not provide synchronous or asynchronous online teaching and learning during this time.</b> If the extreme weather conditions are down-graded to below a Black Rain before 12 noon, schools will activate their online learning provision for the rest of the school day.</p>