WEATHER WARNINGS: SCHOOL CLOSURE

When Hong Kong Schools close due to inclement weather, IMS will close, too. Please monitor the Education Bureau website (http://www.edb.gov.hk) for school closure information, as well as radio and television broadcasts (channels TVB Pearl or ViuTV, as well as RTHK). The School will issue any immediate alerts to parents through email and Engage Parent Portal notice. During our parent community is transiting to Engage, IMS will also send an email for notification. As always, use your best judgment whether or not to transport a child during poor driving conditions. By law, the closing policy is categorised by age and, at times, children 5 and younger may not have school when Kindergartens/Casa dei Bambini are closed, while Primary/Elementary schools remain open.

RAINSTORM WARNINGS

The wet season in Hong Kong is usually between April and September. The Rainstorm Warning System uses three colours to identify the severity of rainfall:

Rainstorm Warning Signal	**Action to be Taken (please read in association with Emergency Communication guidelines)**
AMBER	
	Unless the Education Bureau has made a special announcement on closure of schools, all classrooms, including Casa dei Bambini and Foundation, will operate as usual.
RED or BLACK	**(FOR FOUNDATION A & B, CASA DEI BAMBINI AND ELEMENTARY)**
Hoisted before 08:00 am	• School will be closed. • School will ensure that all premises are open and will arrange staff to look after those students who have already arrived at school as buses may have started their journeys. Parents are expected to collect children as soon as conditions are safe for travel. • Depending on circumstances, the School will make a decision as to classroom operations for that day. • Portal notification messages will be sent to all families to warn them of red / black rain as soon as possible. • For RED rain, staff report to work as usual. • For BLACK rain, in order to care for children who may arrive, staff who can safely come to school should do so and remain until all children are collected.
Hoisted after 08:00 am	• School will remain open until the end of the normal day. • If the signal is still in operation at 11:00am, the extra-curricular activity programme will be cancelled for Half Day Casa dei Bambini. • If the signal is still in operation at 1:00pm, all extra-curricular activity programmes that run beyond the end of the normal school day will be cancelled. • Buses will operate according to guidance from the bus company.

	• If it is unsafe to operate busses, teachers and children will remain in their classes and all parents will collect their children from the classrooms. • Teachers will remain with the classes until all children have been collected.
Hoisted 08:00 - 10:00am	• A Portal notification will be sent out to Foundation B families indicating that travel to school may be unsafe.
(For Summer School) Hoisted or Operational 10:30am - 1:00pm	• PM classes will be cancelled.
RED or BLACK	**(FOR FOUNDATION C)**
Hoisted 10:30am - 1:00pm	• Foundation C classes will be cancelled. • Portal notification messages will be sent to all families to warn them of red / black rain as soon as possible
Hoisted 1:00pm onwards	• School will remain open until the end of the normal day. • Teachers and children will remain in their classes and all parents / caregivers will collect their children from the classrooms. • Teachers will remain with the classes until all children have been collected.
Hoisted 1:00 - 2:00pm	• A Portal notification will be sent out to Foundation C families indicating that travel to school may be unsafe.

TROPICAL CYCLONE (TYPHOON) WARNINGS

Typhoon Signal No.	**If Signal is Hoisted before Programme Begins**	**If Signal is Hoisted while Programme is in Session**
1	All students attend school.	All students will remain at school and be dismissed at the normal time.
3	All students in the Foundation Groups and Kindergarten/Casa dei Bambini programme (including Full Day Casa dei Bambini programme) should remain at home - there will be no classes that day. All Elementary students attend school.	Foundation Groups: Caregivers to bring children home immediately. All children will remain at school and be dismissed at the normal time.
8, 9, 10	All schools are closed and all students should remain at home.	Foundation Groups: Caregivers to bring children home immediately. Parents must arrange for collection of their children as soon as possible. Bus service is not available at such times.