



# Typhoon, Heavy Rain & Thunderstorms Procedures

For the safety of students during inclement weather, it is necessary for teachers, parents and students to have a clear understanding of the procedures that will be put into effect.

**1. Tropical Cyclones/Typhoons:** If school is not in session when a tropical cyclone is approaching Hong Kong, the Education Bureau (EDB) will make an announcement suspending classes, as necessary. The announcement will be made in the evening or in the early morning, ideally before students leave home and should be no later than 6.15 am. Following this, STC will post an emergency notice on our website and will communicate directly with students and parents/guardians. If in doubt, please err on the side of safety. It is our intention that students and staff remain safe at all times.

**If school is in session**, and the situation is likely to deteriorate, EDB will make a public announcement advising the suspension of classes. In this instance, we will make arrangements for students to return home as quickly and as safely as possible.

In the event of a Typhoon 3 signal being raised, all afterschool activities are cancelled.

## 2. Heavy Persistent Rain and Thunderstorms

### Amber Rainstorm Warning

- If raised **before school starts**, classes will continue as normal.
- If raised and **school is already in session**, all afterschool activities will be cancelled. Students should leave school at the end of the school day and go directly home.

### Red or Black Rainstorm Warning

- If raised **before students have left home**, students should remain safely at home. EDB will suspend classes for the day. STC will implement Online Learning Protocols.
- If raised **after students have left home**, students should either get to school, or return home, whichever is safer, as quickly and as safely as possible. Those arriving at school should remain there until the Amber Rain warning is raised, when they can then return home. Students should follow instructions from staff on campus.
- If raised **between 08:15 and 15:20**
  - Classes will continue as normal. All afterschool activities will be cancelled. Students will not be permitted to leave campus. Students should not telephone parents to collect them.
- If raised **after 15:20pm**
  - Students who are on campus must report to the Middle School Hub on the ground floor beside Reception. Students should remain on campus until either their parent/guardian collects them, or the warning is lowered.

- If raised **between 08:15 - 15:20 but expected to continue beyond 15.20**
  - Students will move to their Black/Red rain locations as instructed.
  - Protocols in the operational Appendices should be followed by staff.
  - While the warnings are in effect, students will not be released to go home unaccompanied or on school buses, due to the danger posed by landslides or floods. Students will be released directly into the care of their own parents/guardians. All afterschool activities will be cancelled.

**3. Public Examinations:** A separate announcement will be made regarding public examinations. Students and parents/guardians should check our website for the most recent updates. It is possible that even if schools are officially closed, public examinations (I/GCSE, IB) will continue.

Please note:

- Typhoon 3 signal, Amber and Red Rain Warning: Examinations continue as scheduled.
- Typhoon 8 signal or higher & Black Rain Warning: Examinations will be postponed until later that day/evening/subsequent days.
- If the HK Examination Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announces that examinations are cancelled then STC will follow their directive.