

Tropical Cyclone and Rainstorm Warning Information

All Church activities remain unchanged when tropical cyclone warning signal number 1 or 3 is hoisted. They will also be unaffected by the amber or red rainstorm warning signals.

When the Hong Kong Observatory issues a 'Pre No.8 Typhoon Warning Signal' on a Sunday, we will complete any service taking place and ask people to leave the Church and make their way home. Services planned for after this will be suspended

When the black rainstorm warning signal or tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above is hoisted on a Sunday before 07:30am, all Church activities (Worship services, Classes, Youth and Children's programs etc.) scheduled at 9:45am or before will be cancelled. If the signal is subsequently lowered 2 hours before the 11:15AM service, the 11:15AM service will be held as scheduled. If the signal is lowered after 1pm, the Church will remain closed for the rest of the day.

Tropical Cyclone and Rainstorm Warning Information of Playgroup

In the event of tropical cyclones/typhoons affecting Hong Kong. The following arrangements will apply: Union Church Playgroup follows the direction of the Education Bureau when typhoon signals are hoisted and /or rainstorm warnings are issued. Please check the HK Observatory website www.weather.gov.hk and local TV and radio for updates on the weather.

Situation	Action to be taken
Hoisting of No. 1	All schools, including playgroups/kindergartens, to operate as usual.
Hoisting of No. 3	All playgroups/kindergartens to close.
Hoisting of No. 8 or above	All schools to close.
Lowering to No. 3	All playgroups/kindergartens to remain closed.
Lowering to No. 1 or lowering of all Signals	All schools to resume with the next session.

If Union Church Playgroup is in session when a No. 3 is hoisted, the children will be kept in playgroup until safe and adequate arrangements have been made for them to return home.

NB: Union Church Playgroup will re-open for the afternoon session if typhoon signal No.3 or the Red Rainstorm is lowered by 1.00pm.

Heavy Persistent Rain

The AMBER signal will be issued as an early alert to flooding in low-lying areas and possible heavy rain generally. In the event of heavy persistent rain affecting Hong Kong, the RED or BLACK warning will be issued and broadcast over radio and local television. The following arrangements then apply :

Rainstorm Warning	Action to be Taken
AMBER	All schools, including playgroups /kindergartens, to operate as usual.
RED or BLACK 8.00am-9.30am 1.00pm-2.30pm ii. When playgroup is in session.	AM or PM playgroup sessions to be suspended. Playgroup to continue until the end of normal school hours, and conditions are safe for children to return home.

Again, if a RED or BLACK rainstorm warning goes into force during a session, children will be kept in school until safe and adequate arrangements have been made for them to return home.

Please listen to your radio and television for updates or check the Education Department website: www.edb.gov.hk and the Hong Kong Observatory website: www.weather.gov.hk

Please note that **no makeup classes or refunds will be issued when classes are suspended due to tropical cyclone/typhoon signal 3 or above, or red/black rainstorm warnings.**

Further questions of queries should be addressed to the Playgroup Teachers.

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