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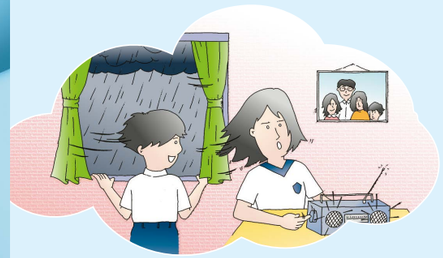
When an AMBER rainstorm warning signal is in force

All schools operate as usual unless advised otherwise by the Education Bureau.

Please pay attention to radio or TV announcements about updates on weather, road and traffic conditions.

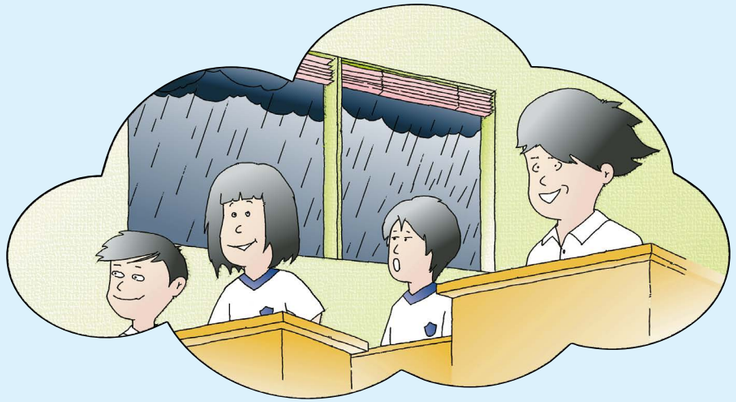
When a RED or BLACK rainstorm warning signal is in force

If a signal is issued during the following periods, it means that students need not attend school.	
At or after 5:30 am and before 8:00 am	*AM and Whole-day Schools*
At or after 10:30 am and before 1:00 pm	*PM Schools*



- Students who have not left for school should stay at home.
- Schools should keep their premises open until the end of normal school hours and implement contingency measures, including arranging staff to look after those students who have arrived at school.
- Parents need not pick up their children immediately.
- If students are aware of class suspension announcement on the way to school, they should decide whether to continue their journey to the school in light of rainfall and road, slope or traffic conditions.
- Students who have arrived at school should stay there until it is safe to return home.

If a signal is issued during the following periods, it means that students should continue with their lessons.	
At or after 8:00 am	*AM and Whole-day Schools*
At or after 1:00 pm	*PM Schools*



- Students should continue with their lessons until the end of normal school hours and return home when the conditions are safe.
- Parents need not pick up their children immediately.

Points to note:

- Parents and students should pay attention to radio or TV announcements about school and public examinations in the event of rainstorms.
- In the event of unfavourable weather, road or traffic conditions, parents could exercise their discretion when deciding whether to send their children to school.
- Schools will make allowance for students who are late owing to inclement weather or absent on their parents' advice.
- School bus drivers should pay attention to radio announcements about rainstorm updates, and ensure that students are taken to a safe place, usually the school they attend, unless road or traffic conditions are unfavourable.

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