

From: Principal of Chiba Municipal Saiwaicho Elementary School

To parents/guardians:

### **Regarding attending school when weather warnings are announced**

We would like to thank parents and guardians for their constant cooperation and understanding of our school's academic activities.

At Chiba municipal schools, schools will either temporarily close down or takes other emergency measures when severe weather warnings are announced.

Our school also takes the following measures during such times. Please take the time to read about them and review them.

#### **1 Measures taken when a Storm Warning, a Snowstorm Warning, or an Emergency Warning for heavy rain, storms, snowstorms, or heavy snow is issued**

If at 7:00AM, there is a Storm Warning, Snowstorm Warning, or an Emergency Warning for heavy rain, storm, snowstorms, or heavy snow in place in Chiba City, the school will close that day.

- (1) If the Storm Warning, Snowstorm Warning, or Emergency Warning for heavy rain, storms, snowstorms, or heavy snow is lifted by 7:00AM, the school will not close that day. Please check weather conditions, and send your child to school when you believe it is safest and most convenient for them.
- (2) On days when the school closes, there will be no distribution of school lunches. The school also cannot return any school lunch fees for days that they were cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.
- (3) If a Storm Warning or similar advisory gets issued after children arrive to school, they will be dismissed early, and guardians will be asked to come pick them up. In such a case, the children will stay at school until the guardian arrives to pick them up.

#### **2 Measures taken when evacuation instructions are issued**

- (1) **If evacuation instructions are still issued in Chiba City at 7:00AM, if the school district is located in the evacuation area, the school will temporarily close.**

**\*In that case, the school will use school-home communication networks such as "Suguuru" to contact you.**

- (2) If the evacuation instructions are lifted by 7:00AM, the school will not close that day. Please check weather conditions, and send your child to school when you believe it is safest and most convenient for them.

#### **3 Measures taken when a heavy rain or heavy snow advisory other than a Storm Warning, a Snowstorm Warning, or Emergency Warning is issued**

The parent/guardian will decide if they should send their child to school or not. If you decide to hold off sending your child to school on such days, they will not be counted as late or absent.

#### **4 To ensure the children's safety**

In extreme weather such as heavy rain, storms, heavy snow, etc., or other emergency situations, we would appreciate your cooperation and attention regarding the following items.

- (1) Attending school in extreme weather such as heavy rain, storms, heavy snow, etc., could bring about unforeseen dangers. Please take into consideration high-risk locations and what the child brings with them, and do not feel obliged to send the child to school if it is not safe outside.
- (2) Even after the advisories or warnings have been lifted and the wind/rain has settled, please check if it's dangerous for the child to take the path they usually take to school before sending them off.
- (3) During heavy rain, storms, heavy snow, etc., if the child will be late or leaving early that day, please be sure to contact the school (the child's homeroom teacher).

\*Please read this advisory well, and store it carefully.

**For reference:**

|                          | Warning/Advisory Announcement Status  | Guardian's actions  | School's response   |   |  |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
|                          |   |   | Classes   | School meals  | Attendance   |
| Before going to school   | <u>If at 7:00AM,</u> a Storm Warning, a Snowstorm Warning, or an Emergency Warning for heavy rain, storms, snowstorms, or heavy snow is still in place    | Do not send child to school.  | All classes will be cancelled.<br>*There is a chance the school will not directly contact you.                                      | Cancelled simultaneously throughout the city.       | Will not be counted as absent.                                       |
|                          | <u>If at 7:00AM,</u> evacuation instructions are still issued   | Do not send child to school if the school district is located in an area under evacuation instructions. | School will close if the school district is in an area under evacuation instructions.<br>*You will be contacted via "Suguuru", etc. | Cancelled if the school closes that day.            | Will not be counted as absent if the school closes that day.         |
|                          | If a warning for heavy rain/snow (other than a Storm Warning or Snowstorm Warning) is in place  | Send child to school once you think it's safe.  | In general, will proceed as normal.   | In general, will proceed as normal.                 | Not counted as late/absent, even if you do not send child to school. |
| After arriving at school | If a Storm Warning, a Snowstorm Warning, or an Emergency Warning for heavy rain, storms, snowstorms, or heavy snow, or evacuation instructions are issued | Act according to the information from the school.   | Classes will be moved up and children will be dismissed early.<br>*You will be contacted via "Suguuru", etc.                        | Respond accordingly depending on the circumstances. | Will not be counted as leaving early.                                |
|                          | If a warning for heavy rain/snow (other than a Storm Warning or Snowstorm Warning) is issued  | /   | In general, will proceed as normal.   | In general, will proceed as normal.                 | /  |





**Items of note when the school contacts the guardians to pick up their child**

- Please come pick up your child after the school contacts you via "Suguuru" or other methods. We will keep your child at school until you arrive to pick them up.
- The guardian must contact the school if someone else will go pick up their child on their behalf. If you do not contact the school beforehand, the school may not hand over the child for pick up.

Furthermore, note that a Storm Warning or Snowstorm warning being announced refers to such warnings being announced for Chiba City.

Please check television channels or the internet for weather information. Besides the Chiba City Anzen/Anshin Safety Emails and the Yahoo! Disaster News Alerts, you can also check this information using the Japan Meteorological Agency's (JMA) "Disaster information for your town" service.

**Primary services to obtain information about disaster preparedness or weather conditions**

| Name of Service                                      | Details  | Registration | QR Code   |
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| JMA homepage<br>"Disaster information for your town" | A website from the JMA allowing to see different types of weather-related information regarding Chiba City on one page.  | Not required |                      |
| Chiba City Anzen/Anshin Safety Emails                | An email service informing you of crime prevention and disaster preparedness.  | Required     |                      |
| Yahoo! Disaster News Alerts app                      | Distributes emergency information from your local municipality. During times of disaster (or when disaster is likely to occur), it sends out alerts about evacuation sites and warning notices about disaster. | Required     | <br>iOS      Android |
| Chiba City Public Relations Division Twitter         | This page sends out emergency information even during times when the City's homepage is not operating because of difficulties such as disaster or power outages.   | Required     |                      |