

Chatsworth International School Haze Policy

Chatsworth follows the advice given by the National Environment Agency (NEA) with regards to the Pollutants Standards Index (PSI) in order to adjust our school programmes accordingly during haze conditions.

The 24 hour PSI readings and the 1-hour PM2.5 readings, as reported on the NEA website, are used to make adjustments for school programmes. Chatsworth uses the NEA readings as these are developed for Singapore where other sites report based on other country indexes. More information can be found on the NEA website.

The below chart shows the readings where changes occur, as well as what changes take place in each area of the school. The changes in programmes also align with the Singapore international school sporting association, ACSIS.

*The school reserves the right to adjust programmes at any time, without prior notice.



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NEA - PSI & PM 2.5 Readings	Health Concerns	CCA/ECA Programme	School Events/ Evenings	Field Trips / Outdoor Education	Transportation	Canteen Services/ Meals	Staff	Communication
0 - 50 Good	Normal medical	All regularly scheduled activities continue.	All regularly scheduled activities continue.	Trips proceed as scheduled.	All bus routes run as normal.	Normal	Normal duties	None
51 - 100 Moderate (PM 2.5 Band 1 < 56)	Normal medical. Take more fluids and monitor students with known health issues.	All regularly scheduled activities continue. Take more fluids and monitor students with known health issues.	All regularly scheduled activities continue.	Field trips/excursions proceed as scheduled. Take more fluids. Monitor students with known medical issues.	All bus routes run as normal.	Normal service. Monitor students with known medical issues.	Normal duties and monitor staff with known medical issues.	None
101 - 150 Unhealthy (PM 2.5 Band 2 < 100)	All outside sports and physical activities to continue as modified programme (ie skills and not aerobic). All competitive sports cancelled.	Outdoor CCAs cancelled or moved indoors where possible. Contact outside ECA providers and advise them of school procedures.	School outdoor events move indoors if possible. Parent evening/ coffee information sessions run as scheduled.	Field trips/excursions allowed if they take place indoors. Outdoor field trips/excursions cancelled.	All bus routes run as normal. Parents and students should be conscious of haze conditions en route to and from school if using public transport/walking.	Students eat snacks and lunch as per usual. Monitor those with health issues and offer alternative eating spaces where available, as necessary.	Normal duties. Security, cleaning and maintenance staff issued with N95 masks if requested while working outdoors. Staff should be aware of haze conditions en route to and from school.	Staff and community will be informed when haze reaches this level via email (letter), daily communication or SMS.
151 - 200 (PM 2.5 Band 2 > 100)	All outside competitive sports and physical activities to cease. Sports and PE relocated to air-conditioned indoor spaces where possible, or cancelled. Students remain indoors for breaks and lunches.	Outdoor CCAs cancelled or moved indoors where possible. Contact outside ECA providers and advise them of school procedures.	School outdoor events move indoors if possible. Parent evening/ coffee information sessions run as scheduled.	Field trips/excursions allowed if they take place indoors. Outdoor field trips/excursions cancelled.	All bus routes run as normal. Parents and students should be conscious of haze conditions en route to and from school if using public transport/walking.	Students eat indoors. Minimal time spent in canteen.	Normal duties. Security, cleaning and maintenance staff issued with N95 masks (mandatory) while working outdoors. Staff should be aware of haze conditions en route to and from school.	Staff and community will be informed of increase in haze situation via email, daily communication and SMS.
201 - 300 Very Unhealthy (PM 2.5 Band 3 > 150)	Continue to monitor heath of students and staff. Monitor NEA and MOE / MOH advice.	All outdoor activities cancelled.	All community events cancelled.	Field trips/excursions cancelled unless to unaffected locations (eg CEW Week).	All bus routes run as normal. Parents and students should be conscious of haze conditions en route to and from school if using public transport/walking.	Students eat indoors.	Reduced outdoor work for security, cleaning and maintenance staff. Staff relocated to other indoor areas. Mandatory wearing of N95 masks.	Continue to inform staff and community of haze situation via email, daily communication and SMS.
300 > Hazardous	If the PSI is forecast to remain at this level for a sustained period, the school will consider closing. The decision will be made by the Head of Schools based on advice from the MOE and MOH.	All outdoor activities cancelled.	All community events cancelled.	Field trips/excursions cancelled unless to unaffected locations (eg CEW Week).	All bus routes run as normal unless school is closed. Parents and students should be conscious of haze en route to and from school if using public transport/walking.	Students eat indoors. Canteen services may be suspended.	Only essential outdoor work permitted. Mandatory wearing of N95 masks.	The school will provide communication to staff and parents via email, daily communication and SMS.

Chatsworth monitors the PSI readings (24 hr) and the PM2.5 readings (1 hour) from the NEA website. 24 hour readings are used to inform us for upcoming events.

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