

Haze Management Policy

The following policy outlines the school’s response to daily API figures and the safeguarding of our school community. API figures shall be checked every morning and monitored throughout the day. All figures are taken from the USM Penang API Index, which is available on government websites.

Straits International School have in place a school continuity plan to ensure the well-being of our students and staff during a haze situation. The School is ready to respond and take appropriate haze management measures based on a set of guidelines corresponding to the advice from other 3rd parties.

The well-being of all students remains a key priority. Teachers will be on the lookout for students who are unwell and ensure that these students receive medical attention promptly. For students who have pre-existing heart or lung conditions, the school should have a list of these students' names and will also be monitoring their well-being.

As children respond differently to haze, parents should ensure their children have their medication, such as inhalers for asthma, with them. Parents should also take their children to seek medical attention if they are unwell and ensure that their children take their medication to school or arrange for alternative care arrangements to care for them at home.

Aims

To have in place a practical and useful plan to enable the management at Straits International School to deal with the issue of Haze and its effect on our students.

Procedure

Role of the Principal

The Principal will ensure that all school personnel comply with this policy and monitor the effectiveness of this policy.

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A broad overview is provided below:

API	Level	Health Implications	SIS Response
0-50	Good	Little or no risk.	None required
50-80	Moderate	Very small risk to sensitive groups.	None Required
80-100			Principal’s Decision
100-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Sensitive groups may experience health effects.	No outside activities
150-180	Unhealthy	All may experience health effects.	Principal considers closure
180-200	Unhealthy	All may experience health effects.	School closes
200-300	Very Unhealthy	Health warnings and emergency conditions	School closes
300+	Hazardous	Health alert	School closes

Closure of Straits International School

The management of SIS will temporarily shut the school to students when the API indicates that the air quality will be at the hazardous level. SIS will contact parents to inform them of the closure of schools for students via phone or SMS. We seek parents' and employers' understanding that relatively short notice for any announcement of school closure could be given.

The management at SIS will monitor the haze situation closely and take appropriate management measures based on the health advisory corresponding to the air quality.