

**Dear
Parents/Guardians
and Students,**

**Principal of Masago Junior High School,
Chiba City**

Regarding Travelling To School When A Weather Warning Has Been Announced

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to express my appreciation for your understanding in cooperating with the school's educational activities. When a weather warning is announced, schools in Chiba City will either temporarily close or take other emergency measures. We therefore ask for your cooperation and understanding in complying with the following procedures in case such a situation arises.

Procedures

1 Procedures for a “Storm Warning”, a “Blizzard Warning” or an “Emergency Warning” for heavy rain, storms, blizzards or heavy snow

If there is a weather warning announcement in Chiba City at 2 p.m. such as a “Storm Warning”, a “Blizzard Warning”, or an “Emergency Warning” for heavy rain, storms, blizzards or heavy snow, the school will be temporarily closed that day.

- (1) If the weather advisory announcements for the “Storm Warning”, the “Blizzard Warning”, or the “Emergency Warning” for heavy rain, storms, blizzards or heavy snow have been lifted by 2 p.m., the school will open as usual. Please check the weather conditions to see if it is safe before sending your child to school.
- (2) If it is the case that the school temporarily closes, school lunches will not be provided on those days. Furthermore, as the lunches cannot be provided due to an emergency disaster, the fee for the school lunches cannot be refunded.
- (3) If there is a “Storm Warning” announcement issued after traveling to school, it is possible that school hours may change.

2 Procedures for when an “Evacuation Order” is announced

- (1) If there is an “Evacuation Order” as of 2 p.m., the situation and location of the school will be considered before deciding if the school will temporarily close.
※If the school temporarily closes, the “Suguru Mail” system will be used to contact the parents/guardians about the situation.
- (2) In the case that the “Evacuation Order” has been lifted by 2 p.m., the school will open as usual. Please check the weather conditions to see if it is safe before sending your child to school.

3 Procedures for when warnings for heavy rain and snow are announced (excluding storm and blizzard warnings)

In this instance, the parents/guardians will make the decision if they want to send their child to school or not. If the parent/guardian chooses not to send their child to school when there is a heavy rain or snow warning, the child will not be marked absent or late.

4 Ensuring the children's safety

In the case of an emergency disaster situation such as heavy rain, a storm, heavy snow or any other emergencies, we ask for your cooperation with the following guidelines at home.

- (1) There may be unexpected dangers when travelling to school during an emergency situation such as heavy rain, a storm or heavy snow. Please be mindful of any dangerous places or circumstances which could arise. Don't force your child to attend school if it is too dangerous.

(2) If the advisory or emergency announcement has been lifted and the heavy wind or rain has subsided, please check that it is safe to travel to school before doing so.

(3) If your child arrives late or early to school due to heavy rain, a storm or heavy snow, please ensure to let the school (or the class teacher) know.

※ Please read this document carefully and keep it in a safe place.

【Reference】

	Warning Announcement Status	Parent/Guardian's Response	School's Response		
			School Opening/Closure	School Lunch	Attendance/Absence
Before Going To School	At 2 p.m. In the case of a “storm warning”, a “blizzard warning” or an “emergency warning” for heavy rain, storms, blizzards or heavy snow	Do not send your child to school	Temporary closure of the whole school ※The school may not contact you	City-wide cancellation	Not counted as absent
	At 2 p.m. In the case of an “evacuation order”	If you are living in an area with an “evacuation order”, do not send your child to school	The temporary closure of the school will depend on the location and “evacuation order” ※In the case of a temporary closure, this information will be relayed via the “Suguru Mail” system	Not provided if the school temporarily closes	If there is a temporary school closure or if the school is located in an area with an “evacuation order”, attendance is not compulsory
	If there is no “storm warning” or “blizzard warning”, but a “warning” for heavy rain or snow	If parents/guardians deem it safe, send your child to school	Usual school hours	Provided as usual	If the child is unable to attend school, they will not be marked absent or late
After Going To School	In the case of a “storm warning”, a “blizzard warning”, a “warning” for heavy rain, storms, blizzards or heavy snow or an “evacuation order”	The school will send out information about the situation	Classes will be dismissed ※Information will be relayed via the “Suguru Mail” system	Depends after the situation is assessed	The school will close early
	If there is no “storm warning” or “blizzard warning”, but a “warning” for heavy rain or snow		Usual school hours	Provided as usual	





< Points to be aware of when collecting your child from school >

- Parents/Guardians should check the communication from the school via the “Suguru Mail” system before coming to collect their child. The child will be kept at school until a parent/guardian arrives.
- If a someone else comes to collect the child instead of the parent/guardian, it is essential that the parent/guardian lets the school know in advance. If there is no prior notice given to the school the child will not be able to leave.

If a “storm warning” or “snowstorm warning” is announced, it refers to the announcement for the situation in Chiba City.

For weather reports, please check the media such as the TV or the internet. In addition to the Chiba City Safety and Security Mail and the Yahoo! Disaster Information app, please check the “disaster prevention information for your city” website of the Japan Meteorological Agency.

<Primary Means of Acquiring Information about Disaster Prevention Measures>

Platform Name	Overview	Registration	QR Code
“Disaster Prevention Information for Your City” from the Japan Meteorological Agency	The website of the Japan Meteorological Agency summarizes information about the weather for Chiba City on one page.	Not necessary	
Chiba City Safety and Security Mail	This service delivers information about crime and disaster prevention by email.	Necessary	
Yahoo! Disaster Prevention App	An “emergency announcement” is sent out by the local government. When a disaster occurs or if there is a risk of a disaster, information is distributed regarding the opening of shelters and disaster alerts.	Necessary	  iOS Android
The Twitter Account of the City Hall’s Public Relations Division	Emergency information is published even when the city's website is not in operation due to a disaster or a power outage.	Necessary	