

## Contingencies

1. Schools should take note of the latest development of Human Swine Influenza (HSI) during the Procedure. If required, schools should refer to the “HSI Pandemic Mitigation Phase Guideline on School Functions and Extra-curricular Activities” issued by Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and take proper precautionary measures for conducting admission work and avoid aggregating a large number of students for a long period of time to reduce transmission of HSI among students. Schools should also inform parents in advance of all the arrangements that would be taken in this regard. If students are found to be confirmed/suspected cases of HSI, their parents / guardians / authorised persons would collect their HKCEE Results Notices and submit applications for S6 places or educational opportunities on behalf of them.

2. In case of adverse weather conditions under the Procedure, e.g. tropical cyclones, heavy persistent rain leading to the issuing of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal, EDB will announce special arrangements for the affected stages of the Procedure through the media as soon as possible. If the announcement on suspension of schools is issued early in the morning, the Procedure will be postponed. Details of the postponement will be as follows:

- if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 / Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is cancelled at or before 11:00 am, the affected stage will be postponed to the afternoon of the same day. The other stages will be postponed accordingly.
- if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 / Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is cancelled after 11:00 am, all the remaining stages will be deferred by one day accordingly.

Details of the latest changes of the schedule will be announced on the radio and television in due course.

3. Furthermore, in case the weather conditions deteriorate when admission is in progress, special announcements will be made by EDB through the media whenever necessary. Schools should draw up their contingency plans in advance in case of need. Besides, schools should also explain to their students clearly that application for S6 places is not made on a first-come-first-served basis, and hence students need not go to the schools with S6 vacancies too early to wait for tendering their applications. In case schools notice that there are many students queuing outside the schools, they should inform the students as soon as possible that there is no need for them to wait any longer and adopt appropriate contingency measures to dismiss them to ensure their safety.