

Air Quality Policy

The British School of Guangzhou makes every effort to ensure a safe environment for all students. To support this, we commit to monitoring air quality regularly during each school day using these commonly referenced sources.

1. <http://www.stateair.net/web/post/1/3.html>
2. <http://aqicn.org/city/guangzhou/>

1. Heads of Phase are responsible for making sure staff are informed of this policy at the start of each year.
2. School Nurse will inform class teachers directly of students that are registered with the school as having respiratory issues (e.g. Asthma) or if a parent has requested that their child is kept in doors during Stage 3 or above pollution levels.
3. The Nanhu Building School Nurse is primarily responsible for checking the AQI index readings four times each day at 7:45am, 9:20am, 11:30 and 1:30pm.
4. Nanhu Building front desk staff should act as a back up if the school nurse is absent and will also ensure the most current air pollution reading is displayed through reception display TVs throughout each school day.
5. If any reading requires action as noted below, Heads of Phase, all teachers and the Facilities Manager (who will work with support staff to enact procedures below) will be informed by email at the times above by the Nurse. Individual teachers are responsible for checking emails prior to any outdoor sessions on days that air pollution is a potential problem.
6. If there is any doubt over what action is required, an SLT member should make any needed decisions.
7. Upon confirmation from the School Principal, local Chinese government public health warnings or recommendations will take precedent over this policy.
8. When school trips or residential trips are taking place, the trip leader, in consultation with senior leadership at the school, will decide on the most appropriate action depending on the location and type of planned activities.

Stage	AQI	Indicator	Level	Activities	Procedures
1	0-100	Green	Low	Normal	No Action
2	101-149	Yellow	Moderate	Normal	Monitor Conditions Closely
3	150-199			All students on the 'High Risk' register and EYFS (at the discretion of the Head or Deputy Head of EYFS) may choose to restrict outdoor activities.	
4	200-249	Amber	Heavy	All students with respiratory problems restricted to indoor activities.	Doors & Windows Closed.
				All EYFS activities restricted to indoors.	
5	>250	Red	High	Activities for all students restricted to indoors. Offsite ASAs, Sports tournaments, day trips etc. cancelled or recalled.	Students Kept Indoors

USEFUL NOTE: Due to the comparative environmentally positive location of the British School, AQI levels are often lower than the readings gained from air quality monitors noted above that are located in more built up areas of central Guangzhou.