



THE BRITISH  
SCHOOL  
OF GUANGZHOU  
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

## Air Quality Policy

At the British School of Guangzhou, we try our best to ensure we provide a safe environment for our children to learn in and so we have in place the following guidelines:

- All pupils should stay indoors should the AQI rise above 200 (PM2.5).
- EYFS and high risk students children should stay indoors if the AQI rises above 150.
- PE lessons for all pupils will be taught indoors if the AQI rises above 200 (PM2.5).
- If the AQI rises above 300 (PM2.5) indoor PE lessons will be restricted to low level exercise.
- Pupils of all ages with respiratory problems or health issues affected by poor air quality may stay indoors if the AQI is above 150. Parents should notify the school nurse of such issues (with a doctor's note), who in turn should notify the class teacher.
- When the AQI is above 100 all external windows and doors will be closed.
- Notices will be displayed at the main entrance of each campus alerting children, parents, staff and guests as to the AQI level.

### PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- Heads of Phase are responsible for making sure staff are informed of this policy at the start of each year.
- 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 indoors during Stage 3 or above pollution levels.
- The Head Nurse is primarily responsible for checking the AQI index readings four times each day at 7:45am, 9:20am, 11:30 and 1:30pm.
- Nanhu Building front desk staff should act as a backup 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.
- All class teachers are responsible for ensuring the windows and doors to their classroom are closed during times of poor air quality.
- The school nurse is responsible for reporting the most recent AQI reading to staff on a two hourly basis via email.
- Front desk is responsible for updating the displays at the main entrance of each campus.
- Email notification is sent to all staff if it is indoor break.
- The security guards and cleaners are responsible for ensuring external doors and windows are closed in shared areas of the building; main entrance, hall, corridors, staff room, meeting room.
- Admin staff are responsible for closing the windows and doors to their own offices.
- 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.
- If there is any doubt over what action is required, an SLT member should make any needed decisions.
- Upon confirmation from the School Principal, local Chinese government public health warnings or recommendations will take precedent over this policy.
- 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.

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/>

Stage	AQI	Indicator	Level	Activities	Procedures
1	0-149	Green	Low	Normal	No Action
2	>150	Yellow	Moderate	EY & High Risk students indoors	Monitor Conditions Closely Doors & Windows Closed
4	>200	Amber	Heavy	All students restricted to indoor activities	Students Kept Indoors
5	>300	Red	High	P.E indoor activities should be restricted to low level activities. Offsite ASAs, Sports tournaments, day trips etc. to be confirmed with VP - GR.	Students Kept Indoors