

Guidelines for Dealing with KNMI Weather Warnings and School Classes

A storm is expected for Monday. It is currently unclear which weather code will be issued. After the previous storm, guidelines were established on how to handle weather warnings, which we are sharing with you here.

When under a yellow weather warning (code geel), classes will always proceed. In the case of an orange warning (code oranje), classes will generally continue as well (for more details, see the section below). If circumstances require, we will inform you and our students by email. Please keep an eye on your email for updates. Parents and students will also receive these guidelines today.

Guidelines for dealing with weather warnings from the KNMI and school activities:

Storms, slippery conditions, heavy rain—these occurrences are becoming more frequent, posing dangers on the roads. Weather warnings can also change suddenly and affect school operations. The school leadership must then make a decision. Regardless of the decision to keep the school open or closed, our priority is always to provide the utmost safety for our students and colleagues.

What are our options?

The school leadership monitors KNMI weather warnings through platforms like Weeronline. We ask parents/guardians to also keep track of weather reports. The KNMI website displays any issued warnings. Weather can sometimes be unpredictable, and situations may differ from predictions. If a weather warning is issued during the school day, the school will do its best to provide care for students. If the weather conditions make it unsafe to travel, we advise parents/guardians to wait before picking up their child.

What do the different weather codes mean for classes and school operations?

Each situation is unique, and the school leadership continuously assesses the best course of action, often in consultation with neighboring schools. However, we can provide a guideline for actions based on different weather warnings and what is expected from parents/guardians.

This guideline is as follows:

Yellow Code: The school is open, and classes proceed as usual.

Orange Code: The school is generally open, and classes continue. The school leadership closely monitors the situation and adjusts if necessary. If dangerous situations arise due to weather conditions, parents/guardians can decide not to send or pick up their child. In such cases, please contact the school. If the school leadership determines that the situation is unsafe, students/parents will be notified by email.

Red Code: The school is closed, and all classes are canceled. If the weather situation turns to red during school hours, we will provide care for students at school. We ask parents/guardians not to go out to pick up their child during a red code, as this can lead to dangerous situations and unrest in the school. If pick-up becomes necessary, the parent/guardian will receive an email notification.