

Haze management guidelines for child care centres and kindergartens

For PSI approaching “Unhealthy levels” (i.e. 24 hour PSI above 100):

Centres should minimise outdoor activities, and avoid strenuous indoor physical exercises. Children with asthma, respiratory, heart or lung problems should be exempted from physical exercises. Centres should monitor the health of all children. Should any child become unwell or develop respiratory problems, centres should inform the parents and seek immediate medical attention for the child. In the meantime, the child should stay in an air-conditioned room.

For PSI approaching “Very unhealthy levels” (i.e. 24 hour PSI above 200):

Centres should minimise outdoor activities, and modify indoor programmes to be less physically intensive. They should cancel indoor and outdoor physical exercises. Children should stay in enclosed indoor spaces, including air-conditioned spaces and classrooms with doors and windows closed, where possible. Centres are also advised to monitor the health of all children. Should any child become unwell or develop respiratory problems, centres should inform the parents and seek immediate medical attention for the child. In the meantime, the child should stay in an air-conditioned room.

For PSI approaching “Hazardous levels” (i.e. 24 hour PSI above 300):

Centres are advised to cancel all outdoor activities and indoor physical exercises. They should modify indoor programmes to be less physically intensive and provide more rest time. Children should stay in enclosed indoor spaces, including air-conditioned spaces and classrooms with doors and windows closed, where possible. Centres should monitor the health of all children. Should any child become unwell or develop respiratory problems, centres should inform the parents and seek immediate medical attention for the child. In the meantime, the child should stay in an air-conditioned room. ECDA will align centre closure with MOE’s decision for mainstream schools, if necessary.