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Prepare for Sudden Changes in Weather

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There has yet to be one typhoon this year (as of June 26th), which makes this typhoon season the third latest season recorded since 1951. Because of this, while people in the Kantō region are worrying about water shortages, in Kyūshū there is significant damage from landslides and flooding brought on by a very active rainy season front.

Two summers ago, Chōfu and Mitaka experienced hailstorms, electric shocks from lightning, and tornadoes. Delayed trains, flooded streets, and power outages became almost commonplace because of the sudden rain and thunderstorms.

Around the time I became a teacher, there was hardly any worry over abnormal weather like this, and the term "guerilla rainstorm" was not generally used. I thought a tornado was something that happened in America, not Japan. However, it is now assumed that sudden changes in the weather like this will occur. Even at school we are instructing the students about lightning and what to do if lightning should occur on the way to or from school; however, we would like families to take the time to talk to each other at home.

In the event of a sudden change in the weather during dismissal, the following will be implemented. During the arrival time, it is likely that a notice cannot be sent from the school via the emergency contact system, so please use your best judgement and refer to the instructions below. Please note that the same procedures will be carried out during the summer holiday.

☆In the Event of Lightning During Dismissal

- If there is lightning during dismissal, students will wait at school until it stops.
- If dismissal is delayed 20 minutes past schedule, an email will be sent from the emergency contact system.
- If parents or guardians come to pick up their children, be sure to meet your child at the school so as not to miss each other on the street.
- Once the lightning has stopped, students will be dismissed.

☆In the Event of Lighting When Arriving to School

• If the forecast says there will be lightning, heavy rain, or snow, parents may use their own judgement and send their child to school late. However, please contact us via FAX. The child will not be counted as tardy.

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July's Goals

Guidance Leader Hiroki Mine

Let's keep things tidy.

Keeping things tidy is not just about how to put things where they belong. It is connected deeply with people's hearts. If someone keeps his or her room clean and tidy, it means that their heart is also clean. Keeping things tidy affects not only your room, but your studies, your job, and even your friendships. Let's try to be tidy