

Dear KIS Parent Community,

On Monday, Bangkok had the first "bad air" day of the school year according to the criteria we use in our Air Quality Policy. If you are new to KIS International School and/or Bangkok, I urge you to review the information on the KIS parent portal regarding the action we will take on particularly unhealthy air days. Media information about air quality is plentiful, and opinions on the topic sometimes seem even more plentiful. Clean air matters to us, and, more importantly, matters even more for our children.

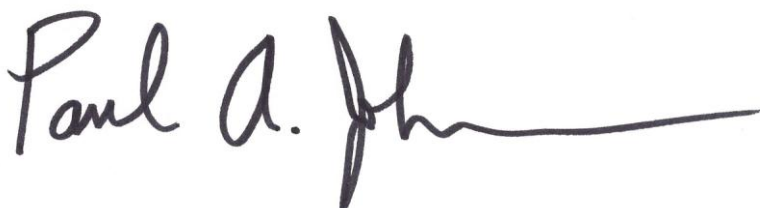
The School Leadership at KIS has been grappling with this issue for well over two years now (the policy was created in 2017). As might be expected, the discussions were hearty and long in blending precautions due to air quality with school activities. We want you to be aware of our efforts and that we take the issue very seriously.

The link to the portal is [<https://klearning.ict.kis.ac.th/kportal/index.html>]; you will need to log in to view both the information visible each day regarding the air quality at KIS as well as a link to our policy. The site includes an air quality number (index) which is based on a chart, or rubric, developed by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in the USA. In addition to the information found on the parent portal, KIS air quality information is also available here [<https://www.airvisual.com/thailand/bangkok/huai-khwang/kis-international-school>].

We encourage community members to wear masks if they wish to do so when the air is poor and in line with our policy. Using masks is not mandated, however, it is an option for people to choose to use if they wish. It should be noted that paper masks are not effective to filter 2.5 particles from the air so only high-quality masks designed for filtration of these more concerning particles are recommended.

If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please do reach out to relevant personnel at school. Your child's principal or vice-principal would be possible first contacts and we would all be very happy to help you.

Kind regards,



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Head of School