

## Yellow Dust

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our policy on Yellow Dust.

With the yellow dust season very much upon us, we have to gauge the levels every day in order to determine whether the children should or should not go outside.

We currently use following two sources of information to guide our decision making.

- Yongsan Military Base site (<http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/sites/yellowsand/monitor.asp>)
- KMA Asian Dust site ([http://www.kma.go.kr/dust/dust\\_01\\_01.jsp](http://www.kma.go.kr/dust/dust_01_01.jsp))

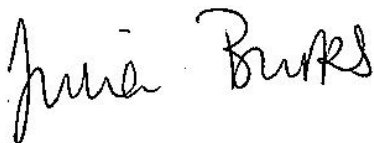
The Yongsan site indicates dust levels and recommends what outdoor activity should take place and by whom according to the levels. The KMA site indicates specific levels according to areas in and around Seoul.

Our intention is to have the children outdoors as much as possible however we do err on the side of caution. With increasing concern what I do also suggest is that all children have their own mask (named) which we will keep in school and have the children wear as a precautionary measure when dust levels are rising but still within an acceptable range.

Measures do fluctuate throughout the day therefore we err on the side of caution and keep the children inside if the levels exceed 150 in accordance with the KMA site.

We check the sites daily.

Your sincerely,



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Head of School