

EMERGENCIES POLICY

RATIONALE

Our school is required to have a set of procedures for every civil defence emergency that could occur. We have a statutory obligation to ensure children are safe while in our care.

(Education Act 1989, Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002)

PURPOSES

1. To ensure systems are set up that are able to be followed in case of an emergency.
2. To ensure that these emergency procedures are practised on a regular basis.
3. To ensure that staff, children and visitors are aware of what to do if an emergency occurs.

GUIDELINES

1. Copies of all emergency procedures will be displayed and accessible throughout the school.
2. Staff members will become familiar with these documents, as they are required to be leaders when children's safety is threatened.
3. Each emergency situation will require different responses, so staff members need to act knowledgeably and flexibly within the guidelines.
4. Practising of emergency procedures should happen regularly according to a school schedule.

CONCLUSION

Our role 'in loco parentis' obligates us to do everything in our power to ensure our own safety and the safety of all children and visitors in our care at the time an emergency occurs.

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N.B. this policy replaces the original one initiated March 93, and last reviewed July 08.