



Civil Defence Emergency Policy

Rationale:

In the event of a Civil Defence Emergency being declared it may not be possible to return the children to their own homes in the usual manner. Where a Civil Defence emergency has been declared "Children at schools should be kept under teacher supervision until, as determined by the Controller (Civil Defence), they are either evacuated as a group or reunited with a parent/caregiver."

The most likely Civil Defence hazards in the school area are:

- Fire
- Storm/Flood
- Earthquake
- Chemical Spill (resulting from accident)

Purposes:

- To ensure the safety and health of the children at all times.
- To follow instructions that may be given by the Controller and where/when possible reunite the children with their Parents or Caregivers.

Guidelines

- No set of guidelines can be expected to necessarily cover all eventualities and a high degree of reliance is therefore entrusted to school staff to use their best judgement in what may be an extreme situation.
- A simple evacuation procedure will be set up and displayed in written form in each classroom (with the NZ Fire Service) Practice drills will be held at regular intervals.
- In certain emergencies it may not be possible to get pupils home safely. Staff may then be in the position of having to care to children for an extended period. Staff in this situation, will be under direction of the Principal or Senior Staff member present.