

Emergencies Procedure

Emergency Evacuation Plan

- Educarers must complete the Evacuation Plan provided in their Health & Safety Folder within the first week of starting with Little Magpies.
- A copy of the Evacuation Plan is to be given to the Visiting Teacher, which is filed in the educarer file online.
- The Plan is required to be displayed at all times while children are in the home.
- Drills need to be practiced 4 times per year (within 3 months) and recorded in the Evacuation Drills and Emergencies booklet. The Visiting Teacher will check to ensure these procedures are carried out and the evaluation box is completed.
- The Evacuation Drills and Emergencies booklet is to be given to the Visiting Teacher once completed, for filing. These booklets are to be kept for a minimum of two years.
- Educarers to complete the Civil Defence Evacuation notice, within the first week of starting with Little Magpies and send into the office with the first week's timesheets. These will be filed in the educarers file for easy reference in case of an emergency.
- Educarers to keep a copy of the Evacuation Drills and Emergencies booklet in their Civil Defence Kit, for easy reference. In case of an emergency these will be easy to access. The office will email a copy to families.

Fire

Educarers will:

- Gather all the children, timesheet folder (if able to), an emergency bag and follow their Emergency Evacuation Escape Plan.
- Be accountable for all children in their care.
- Ring emergency 111 and inform them of the emergency.
- Contact parents/emergency contacts (if able to).
- Contact their Visiting Teacher or the Office (if able to).

Earthquake

Educarers will:

- "Drop, Cover and Hold" – "this means children get under a desk, table or bench, and hold on to a table leg etc and cover their face with their arm".
- Instruct children to adopt the "turtle position" knees together; clasp both hands firmly behind their heads: bury their faces in their arms, protecting their heads; close their eyes tightly and stay in this position until their educarer say it's safe to move.
- If they are outside in an earthquake, stay where they are move away from buildings, large trees, power poles, overhead power lines and other potential hazards. Educarers will show the children how to crouch down and cover their head.

After an Earthquake

- If the Educarers home is damaged in any way they will follow their Civil Defence Emergency plan.

If long (*up to 1 minute*)
and strong (*can't stand/violent*),
get gone to your evacuation point.

**In the case of a Civil Emergency - The Educarer will turn off the water, power,
and gas if able to safely.**

Civil Defence

A Civil Defence Kit consists of:

- A container
- Water to last 3 days (approx)
- Canned, non perishable food
- Torch, radio and spare batteries
- Toilet paper, plastic bags
- First aid kit
- Essential medicines
- Masks
- Change of clothes
- Emergency Drills & Evacuation Booklet

The Educarer will store the kit in an accessible place in the event of a Civil Defence emergency.

In case of a Civil Defence Emergency

Educarer will:

- Gather all the children up, the Civil Defence Kit, first aid kits, children's medication and the timesheet folder (if able to) and follow their Emergency Evacuation Escape Plan as closely as they are able to safely.
- Be accountable for all children in their care, at that time.
- Turn on their radio so they are kept informed of the Civil Defence Emergency.
- Contact parents/emergency contacts (if able to).
- Contact their Visiting Teacher or the Office (if able to).
- Evacuate to their nearest Civil Defence location if instructed to or if their home is unsafe.
- Will place a Civil Defence Location Notice on their door so parents are aware of their child's location.

Lock Downs

At the Home

Educarer will:

- Ensure the safety of the children
- Lock the doors
- Remain inside the house, ensuring they are not visible through windows, until advised it is safe to leave the building.
- Contact their Visiting Teacher or the Home Based Office.

In the Community

Educarer will:

- Ensure the safety of the children
- Go to a safe place, preferably inside ensuring the children are not visible through windows, until advised it is safe to leave the building.
- Contact a Visiting Teacher or the Home Based Office.

Tsunami

- Natural warning sign (immediate - earthquake)

Educarer will:

- Watch out for a Cell phone warning (after 15 mins).
- If there is no cell phone warning move immediately to the nearest high ground, preferably by motor vehicle, if not able to drive then by foot.
- Follow the Civil Defence evacuation procedure if advised to evacuate by Civil Defence.
- If in red or orange zone leave immediately.

It is important to remain calm and move quickly.

Duty of Care - Educarers are responsible for the children until they have been collected by their parents/emergency contacts.

Educators Evacuation Flow Chart

HS4 Emergency Plan & Supplies

There is a written emergency plan and supplies to ensure the care and safety of the children and educator at the home and when away from the home. The plan must include evacuation procedures that apply in a variety of emergency situations and that are relevant to the home.

