

DRURY SCHOOL: Policy 5.19 – Pandemic or Natural Disaster

Purposes:

To ensure that pupils and staff at Drury School are as well prepared as possible to cope with a pandemic or a natural disaster.

Guidelines:

1. Staff and pupils will have regular evacuation drills to ensure that all know procedures and safe ways to act.
2. Every effort will be made to keep lists of emergency contacts for each student as up to date as possible.
3. The school will conform with all requirements prepared by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education in the event of a pandemic.
4. In the event of a pandemic such as avian flu a pandemic co-ordinator will be appointed.
5. Strategies for dealing with sick students or staff will be prepared with assistance from relevant government ministries.
6. Parents will be educated about the necessity for keeping sick children at home but in the event of a pandemic the messages will be more explicit.
7. The School will review its emergency coping plans as more information is prepared by the relevant authorities.
8. Regular weekly Civil Defence emergency radio contact checks will be made via administration office.