

SPRINGDALE FIRST SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING CRITICAL INCIDENTS

RATIONALE

Emergency or critical incidents which may occur in any school and which affect pupils, teachers, parents or the school site and have a direct impact on operational ability.

This information is to make parents aware of these types of incidents and the school's response to them. The way that the school will communicate with parents is also included.

TYPES OF INCIDENT

Natural disasters	flood, storm, fire
Medical	food poisoning, meningitis, pandemic flu
Major accident	chemical spillage, transport, explosion
Off site	outdoor education, road traffic accident
Human	terrorism, violence, serious injury, death

RESPONSES TO INCIDENTS

1. Evacuation from building / site (e.g. fire on site, bomb threat)
2. Lock down (e.g. swarm of bees, intruder in grounds, other danger in grounds)
3. Closure of school (e.g. adverse weather, medical issues, failure of gas or electricity supplies or key issues in school eg heating)
4. Accident / injury – on site or off site
5. Pastoral care e.g. death / injury of a member of the school community or their family

KEY ROLES

The HT and senior staff are responsible for ensuring that incidents are managed in a way that maintains the health, safety and well being of all.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

These are ways in which you will be informed of emergency closures and subsequent re-opening of the school or other emergency situations.

Springdale website - www.springdale.poole.sch.uk

ParentMail – www.ParentMail2.co.uk

We urge all parents to register their email address and mobile phone numbers with ParentMail. The text message is a very straightforward way for the school to advise parents quickly of unexpected changes eg School closure due to bad weather, or other emergencies in school, we would also use this method if there were any problems relating to school trips.

Borough of Poole school status report -

<https://selfservice.boroughofpoole.com/popup.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=gTVmVjuM2g1>

Heart Radio – 102.3 FM www.heartdorset.co.uk

Wave 105 Radio - www.wave105.com

In the unlikely event of children having to be evacuated from the building or site parents would be given information at the time regarding collection arrangements.