



Kindergarten

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner

Learning with head, heart and hands

EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI RESPONSE

EARTHQUAKE PROCEDURE

1. When a tremor is felt, the teacher commands : 'Duck, cover and hold'. The 'Turtle song' is sung:

'I'm an earthquake turtle, look at me, I stay safe with a 1,2,3

Down on the ground, Hands on my head. I can do this because my teacher said.

'I'm an earthquake turtle, look at me, I stay safe with a 1,2,3' (to the tune of "I'm a little teapot)

In a closed space: Children shelter under tables close to walls or doorways and clasp hands over neck, turning away from windows. If they shelter under a table, then the diagonally opposite legs of the table should be held.

In an open space: crouch, keep knees together, head low between arms and hands, eyes closed. If possible, move children away from buildings, power lines, banks and trees.

2. If the earthquake is severe enough to damage buildings, then the emergency evacuation procedure will be followed. If the school is then closed, children will stay on site until collected by parents or caregivers.

TSUNAMI PROCEDURE

3. If the school and kindergarten receives a tsunami warning through Civil Defence channels or the radio advising a complete evacuation of the buildings, then the normal emergency evacuation procedure will be pursued, and Civil Defence advice will be followed. Parents and caregivers will be kept informed where possible by cell phone/phone.

Each term the kindergarten and school teachers will conduct a trial earthquake drill and report to the Management Team. At least every three months, the whole school and kindergarten will do an earthquake drill followed by a trial evacuation which is reported to the School Board and the Proprietors Trust.

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**** TO BE REVIEWED ON A ONE YEAR CYCLE**