



THE MANAGEMENT OF CRITICAL INCIDENTS

This policy relates to the school's response to critical/serious incidents.

- (a) Fire
- (b) Bereavement/suicide
- (c) Medical
- (d) Other

1. Critical Incident teams are in place (see attached)
2. Response and procedures in the event of a Critical Incident are in place (see attached)
3. Emergency telephone numbers including Critical Incident Response Team, Counselling, Social Services and the Emergency services are displayed on dedicated notice-boards in the office, Mr McAleese's office and the Principal's office, Technology, Science, PE, HE and the LSC.
4. The rendezvous point for support and emergency vehicles is in front of the school office (signed). Senior Executive Officer (Mrs Woods) will direct them to relevant location.
5. Mr McCarthy and the Senior Executive Officer will act as record keepers (who, when, what).
6. In the event of an incident the Principal will remain in or near his office. The Senior Executive Officer will remain in the General office.



FIRE PROCEDURES



1. On hearing the Fire Bell, Evacuation Procedures should commence.
- 2.1 Principal, Health and Safety Officer, and Buildings Supervisor (Mr Dickson) check the alarm system in the Foyer. Mrs Murphy will attend as back-up.
- 2.2 Vice Principal, Mr McAleese, takes charge of pupils outside the school. Mr Forbes and Mr Usher will assist.

In the absence of the Principal	→	Mr McAleese (Vice Principal)
In the absence of Health and Safety Officer	→	Mr McAleese
In the absence of both Principal and Health and Safety Officer	→	Mr McAleese and Mrs Murphy attend the alarm (as above at 2.1)
In any of the 3 circumstances above	→	Mr Forbes and Mr Usher will take charge outside

3.1 The Health and Safety Officer [if absent see above] and the Buildings Supervisor check the reported fire area and report back to the Principal (or person in charge of the school).

3.2. Principal and Health and Safety Officer consult and decide if Emergency Services are required.

4. The Principal will remain at the School office/Foyer throughout.

5.1 The Senior Executive Officer will remain in the school office (as long as it is safe to do so).

5.2 The Senior Clerical Officer (Ms Edgar) will take registration forms out to enable a check to be made to ensure that all pupils have left the building. The Science Technician will provide a megaphone for Mr McAleese (or assistant).

6. Vice Principal or staff member in charge outside awaits information from Principal.

In the event of circumstances not covered above, Senior Post Holders will cover the required roles:

- (a) School office/Foyer
- (b) scene of the alarm
- (c) in charge of pupils outside

They should first ensure that their classes are evacuated if appropriate

A copy of this procedure will be distributed to all staff, substitute staff, peripatetic staff and canteen staff.



BEREAVEMENT/SUICIDE/TRAGEDY



**Team: Mr McCarthy
Mr McAleese
Mr Forbes
Mrs Murphy
Relevant Year Heads
(Mrs Campbell and Mr McClenaghan will manage the school)**

In the event of an emergency:

1. The emergency services will be contacted by the Senior Executive Officer in partnership with the Principal.
2. The scene will be made safe and private.
3. The Killicomaine JHS Critical Incident Team above will convene.
4. The parents of the pupil(s) will be contacted as soon as is practicable by Mr McCarthy.
5. The Critical Incident Response Team of the Education Authority will be contacted (028 3751 2515) by Mr McAleese (or in his absence, Mrs Murphy).
6. The Chairman of Governors will be informed by Mr McCarthy.
7. The school's counselling services will be contacted by Mr McAleese/Mrs Murphy.
8. Initial pupil support, if appropriate, will be provided by the Year Heads.
9. Arrangements will be made to inform staff and, where appropriate, pupils.
10. Arrangements for any necessary investigation will be initiated.
11. A press release will be prepared.

In the event of circumstances not covered above, staff holding 3 Teaching Allowances will cover the required roles.



SCHOOL EVACUATION



It is the duty of **ANYONE** discovering a fire to operate the nearest Fire Alarm Point. These are located at school exists and designated areas throughout the school.

WARNING

Continuous high pitched ringing **OR** (in case of electrical failure) hand bell ringing in the corridor.

PLACE OF ASSEMBLY

In front of Tennis courts line up in forms. Form Teacher will accompany form class.

UPON HEARING THE FIRE ALARM

Teachers in charge of classrooms will marshal the classes in an orderly manner to the assembly point by the nearest Exit. If this route is blocked by fire, then the nearest exit should be used.

Anyone not actually in class when the alarm sounds e.g. in the toilets, staffrooms, passages etc. will make their way **DIRECT** to the assembly point and join their appropriate class or group.

If the alarm rings during **BREAK** or **LUNCHTIME**, teachers, pupils, administrative staff and cooks etc. will make their way **DIRECT** to the assembly point. Teachers may wish to position themselves at the **FIRE EXIT** doors to ensure that evacuation of the building takes place in an orderly manner.

DO NOT HESITATE IN CARRYING OUT THE ABOVE PROCEDURE

**THE SAFETY OF ALL THE PERSONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES MAY
DEPEND ON YOUR INSTANT AND EFFICIENT ACTION**

The Senior Executive Officer calls the Fire Brigade under instruction as per Critical Incident Management.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURE



POLICE - 02838 33 24 24

In case of a serious accident to a pupil:

1. Phone for an ambulance

02838 33 44 44

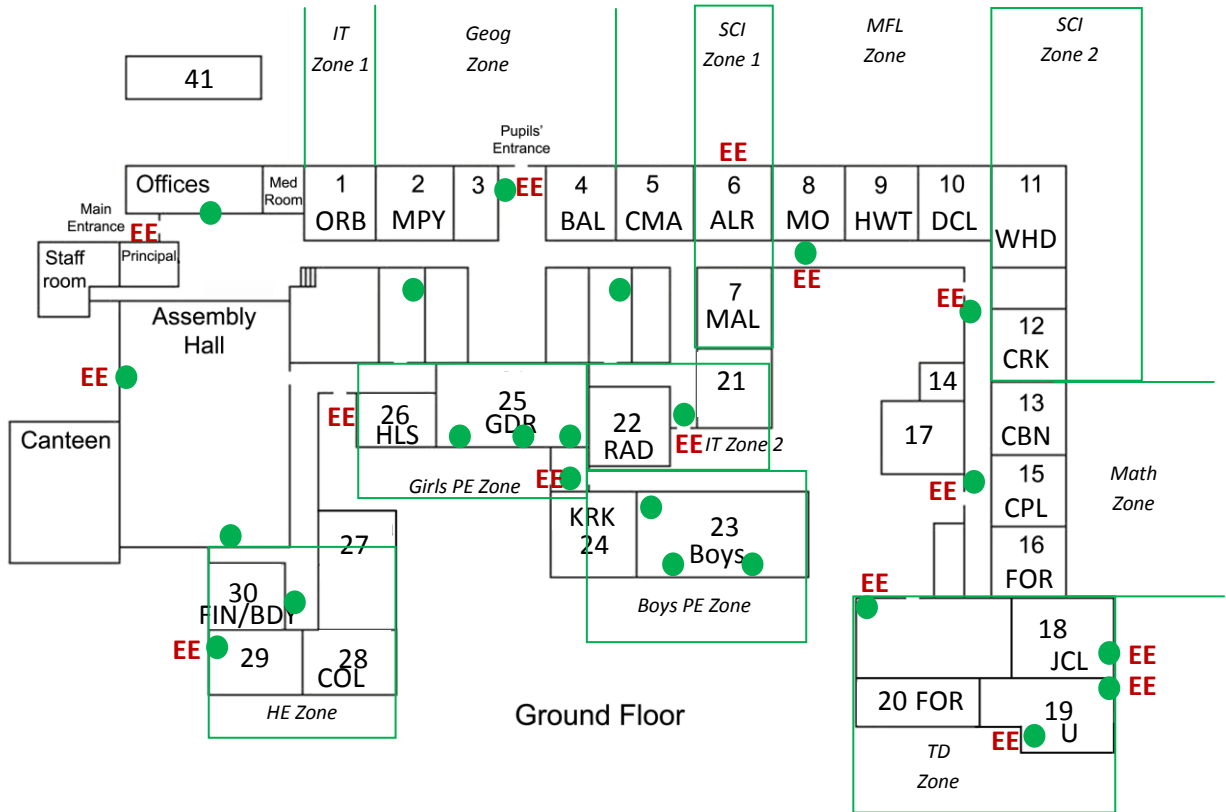
(in an emergency use **999**)

2. Phone for a local doctor at Health Centre - **02838 33 44 00**

3. Phone the parents

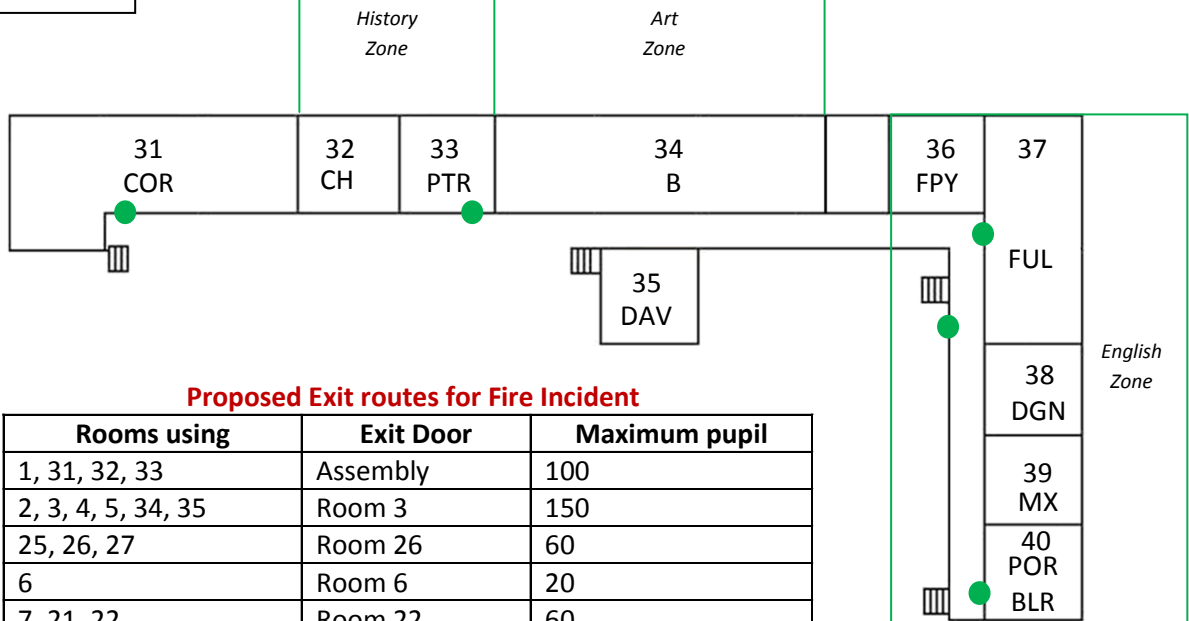
In the event of the death of a pupil, the **Education Authority** must be informed.

Emergency Exits



● Break glass points for fire bells

EE Emergency Exits



Rooms using	Exit Door	Maximum pupil
1, 31, 32, 33	Assembly	100
2, 3, 4, 5, 34, 35	Room 3	150
25, 26, 27	Room 26	60
6	Room 6	20
7, 21, 22	Room 22	60
23, 24	Room 23	40
8, 9, 10	Room 8	120
11, 12, 13, 36, 37, 38	Room 12	150
14, 15, 16, 17, 39, 40	Room 17	185
18	Room 18	20
19	Room 19	20
20	Room 20	20
28, 29, 30	Room 29	60
41	Room 41	20

The Critical Incident Response Team

The Critical Incident Response Team can provide advice and /or support to the school in relation to the immediate management of a critical incident.

As a Team we can offer:

- ❖ Support for individual pupils and groups
- ❖ Training for school staff in developing a Critical Incident Policy

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