

DUNCAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



The DCS Emergency Preparedness Committee requests that when enrolled in DCS you provide the following items or information to the school in order to best assist your child in the event of a school emergency.

Food and medications: Governments in Canada have now realized, after observing recent disasters around the world, we need to survive without outside assistance for **10 days** after a major disaster. (The standard had been 3 days.) We are

stockpiling additional food to work toward that expectation. If your child needs medications, please consider providing more than 3 days supply.

- 1. Comfort Letters** – Please provide a small comfort package including a note/letter and some small comfort item (small stuffy, picture, or small game, etc.) that would be given to your child as a source of comfort in the event of a school emergency. You may wish to: express that you are thinking about your child and praying for them; reassure your child that everything that can be done to help the situation is being done by the teachers and the school/ community emergency response teams; reassure your child that you will see them or pick them up as soon as possible. These comfort packages will be placed with the emergency preparedness supplies in the school kiosk. Each year at re-registration (late February) the comfort packages are set out for parents to review and update.
- 2. EPC Food and Water** – In the event of an emergency that requires children to be taken care of on the school property for a day or more, (for example in the event of a strong earthquake where property and road damage is significant) the school will need to provide food and clean water for students. To do this the Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to purchase and rotate expired food items each year to ensure the required quantities are available.
- 3. Emergency Medical Supplies and Instructions** – If your child requires prescription medication or other daily medical supplies; please provide a 10 day supply, complete with instructions for usage, clearly labeled with your child's name. These supplies, as provided by you, are stored in a locked container for use only in a disaster. Please see the elementary office to leave any medications for your child.
- 4. Emergency Contacts** – During or after a school emergency your child or children will only be permitted to leave the school property with a person whose name you have listed as an (EQC) extreme or earthquake emergency contact on their student registration form. Please contact the school offices during the year or at re-registration time to add or change any names or information that no longer applies. Keep in mind that it is best to provide names of trustworthy people who live as close to the school as possible.