



St Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

## **FIRE AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION POLICY**

### **OVERVIEW**

This policy sets out the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire or other emergency that requires the school to be evacuated. It is designed to ensure that children and staff leave the building in an orderly and speedy manner to assemble in safe places.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To keep the pupils and staff safe from danger.
2. To evacuate the building quickly and in an orderly manner without panic and to take all pupils and staff to the agreed place of safety.
3. To ensure that the building is checked and all are accounted for.
4. To summon help quickly.
5. To contain the danger and preserve the building.

### **STRATEGIES**

1. The first person to discover the danger will sound the alarm.
2. Unless it is known to be a pre-arranged 'practice' the emergency services will be called by the leadership team or school office staff.
3. At the sound of the alarm all staff responsible for children will escort them quickly in an orderly manner from the building to the agreed assembly point which is on the school field unless told otherwise.
4. Office staff will take the registers with them and distribute them at the assembly points.
5. The nearest safe exit should be used. If that is blocked, then the next nearest exit will be used.
6. Adults in school are all in charge of making sure exits are not blocked. A half termly check will be done by the SLT to make sure exits are clear.
7. Once rooms are empty doors should be closed to prevent the spread of fire.
8. At the assembly points class registers will be taken to ensure that all children and staff are accounted for.
9. Office staff will take the emergency contact lists to the assembly points in case registers have been lost.
10. The leadership team must be informed immediately if a child or member of staff cannot be accounted for.
11. During the evacuation, the leadership team will check toilets and other areas to ensure that children have not been left behind.
12. No one must return to the building once it has been evacuated without the leadership team's permission.
13. The leadership team will inform staff when it is safe to return to the building.

### **OUTCOMES**

All will be safely evacuated during an emergency.