

# Earthquakes

School Policy - Welfare

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## INTRODUCTION

In the event of an earthquake in Yangon, the school has made preparations in order to minimise injury and loss of life. However, it must be noted that all earthquakes and the events, before, during and afterwards are different. The actions of the school, staff and parents will need to be flexible, fluid and adaptable to the situation as it unfolds.

## PREPARATIONS

### Resources

BSY have ensured that the school is well resourced.

- Emergency “Black Boxes” & fire extinguishers located in every classroom and at the Reception campus.
- Emergency Backpack “GO BAGS” in every classroom, office and bus
- Emergency Backpack “GO BAGS” to accompany teacher and TA on offsite sport and cultural visits.

“Go Bags” include

- First Aid kits
- Communication Kit (credit for Ooredoo, MPT, Telenor) and emergency contact numbers
- 100 Dust Masks
- Water and Honey

“Black Boxes” include

- Additional First Aid kits
- Provisions for 72 hours and the surrounding community.

### Training and Education

All staff members have been trained and educated in what to expect and to familiarise themselves with all evacuation routes.

Evacuation and earthquake drills to be practiced once a term.

## CONSULTATION

The school has ongoing consultative relationships with experts and with the local fire station and residents. The Headmaster and Head of Admin oversee health, safety and emergency issues.

We also maintain close links with embassies and local hospitals.

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## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

In the event of an emergency a mass email will be sent to all parents conveying the situation. Please **do not** phone the reception. Please follow emailed instructions regarding pick up.

If possible, mass emails will be sent to communicate the situation. Go Bags contain SIM cards to all mobile service providers.

If all telecommunication providers are down parents are to assume that their children will be at one of the following muster points:

- BSY sports field / playground
- BSY Reception Campus - via internal road
- Yangon United Football Club

Bus drivers have been instructed to stop in the event of an earthquake and only move if they are in danger of falling buildings, flyovers or trees.

As soon as communication is possible, parents will be informed of the situation and whereabouts of the children.

If all communication fails, pupils will be kept at the school (or at the evacuation sites, if it is necessary to evacuate the school buildings), for several days if necessary, until they are collected by the parents.

