



Rocking Horse Academy

EMERGENCY PLAN & TRANSPORTATION

PARENT LETTER

To Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This letter is to communicate with all our enrolled families our commitment and plan for the safety and welfare of your child(ren) while attending Rocking Horse Academy.

Our Emergency Plan provides for a response to all types of emergencies. In the event of an emergency situation that requires an evacuation of our school’s facility, our staff will make every attempt to contact you in such an event. Please be sure to supply us with up-to-date emergency contact information including your email and an out-of-area contact, if possible.

Depending on the circumstance of the emergency, we will use one of the following protective actions:

- **On-Site Evacuation:** Students are evacuated to a safe area on the grounds of the facility in the event of a fire, etc.
- **Sheltering In-Place or Lock-down:** Sudden occurrences in weather or other hazardous situations may dictate taking cover inside the building.
- **Off-Site Evacuation:** Total evacuation of the facility may become necessary if there is a danger in the area. In this case, children will be taken to a relocation facility by Rocking Horse Academy’s program vehicles, staff vehicles, parent vehicles, volunteers or neighbors and/or walking. Staff will remain with and care for your child(ren) at all times during an event. Attendance will be checked regularly whenever our children are moved. Staff will bring any necessary medications, supplies, and emergency records. In the event that we receive different instructions from emergency personnel, every attempt will be made to contact you with the alternate plan or post messages on Facebook and Twitter if possible.

EMERGENCY RELOCATION FACILITIES	
<p>FACILITY A (Primary option near school) Plum Creek Golf Course Pavilion 750 Kohler’s Crossing Kyle, TX 78640 512-262-5555 - Site Contact: Marc Farris - Club Manager</p>	<p>FACILITY B (Secondary option near school) Saint Anthony Catholic Church 801 N. Burleson Road Kyle, TX 78640 512-268-6966 - Site Contact: Father Juan Carlos Lopez</p>

Students will remain at the relocation facility accompanied by our teachers and staff while family/guardian/ emergency contacts are notified of the situation. If you’re not sure how to get to any of these locations, please ask for directions BEFORE there’s an emergency.

Modified Operation: Cancellation/postponement or rescheduling of normal business operations may be required. These actions are normally taken in case of a winter storm or building/transportation problems (such as utility disruptions or mechanical difficulties) that may make it unsafe for children in a variety of situations.

Please listen to local radio/television stations for announcements relating to any of the emergency actions listed above. If it ever becomes necessary to relocate, a sign will be posted on the main entrance stating which facility we've gone to (A or B). We will attempt to leave a message on the school's main number 512- 405-3700. If possible, we will also post announcements on Facebook and/or Twitter. We do ask that you limit your calls during an emergency. This will keep the main telephone line free to make emergency calls and relay information.

Just in case these options are not available, you may try to contact us at:

512-578-9673 (Emergency Cell Number)

This is for EMERGENCY USE ONLY.

Our Emergency Plan relies directly on your contributions of extra clothing, medication, diapering supplies, water supply donations, and your preparation for an emergency situation. Please take the time to implement your own Family Plan. Please keep this information with you so that you will know how to contact and find us in the event of an emergency or evacuation.

An "Emergency Contact Card" is in each classroom or at the front desk for you to complete. This form will be used to contact families and verify authorized emergency contacts in order to release your child. Please ensure that only those persons you list on the form attempt to pick up your child.

In order to guarantee we have all of our student's most up-to-date emergency information, our school will require that all children's "Emergency Contact Card" be resubmitted at the beginning of each school year regardless of your last update.

We realize that emergency circumstances may require changes to your plans, but I urge you to NOT make different arrangements if at all possible. This will only create additional confusion and divert staff from their assigned emergency duties.

In order to assure the safety of your children and our staff, I ask for your understanding and cooperation. Should you have additional questions regarding our emergency operating procedures, contact me at 512-405-3700 ext. 305.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Eichen

Director