

Nanaimo Christian School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are asking you to send in a comfort kit for **each** of your children. We know putting these supplies together with your child can be time consuming, but creating a personalized kit for your child can offer great comfort during an emergency. This is also a great once a year activity that allows you to talk with your child about earthquake procedures at home as well as preparing them for such an event at school.

This bag of supplies is your child's connection with you, until they are able to return home. We do have emergency supplies stored on campus for long term care. However, the items in your child's bags will be specifically picked for their needs, comfort, and can provide the correct food in case of restrictions and allergies for the first 24 hours.

The logistics of managing expiration dates, dietary needs, potential medications and ever changing comfort items means it is more efficient and safer to update them annually. This will become a routine procedure for our students and their families each year, and the bags will be returned at the end of the school year should they go unused.

The NCS Crisis Management team is asking you to supply the listed emergency items below for your child and place them in a large Ziploc bag with your child's full name on it, written in permanent, waterproof ink (Sharpie will do).

Some local stores will provide already made up kits however they are very generic and you may want to add items to it if you purchase one. Should you choose to make your own, please send the following items in a large zip locked bag:

Essential Items (Quantity)	Optional Comfort items
Emergency Blanket (1) Water pouches (3)	Pic/letter something from home Activity (book, colouring etc)
Meal replacement bars (Nut Free, not granola bars)	• • •
(2) Wet nap (4 or more)	Note Pad Writing utensil
Medications (enough for 24 hours)	Water bottle Small LED flashlight

Please check expiration dates on all perishable food items and medications.

Bags or store bought kits are to be returned their homeroom teacher with your child's full name on it, written in permanent, waterproof ink by <u>October 30th</u>. Please also complete and return the enclosed **STUDENT EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION FORM** inside your child's comfort kit.





