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Chiba Municipal Takasu4 School Principal

To all parents and guardians,

Regarding Large-scale Earthquake Response and Countermeasures in Preparation for Earthquakes and Tsunamis

We would like thank the children's guardians for their constant support and understanding of our school's academic activities.

It is said that there is a high risk of the metropolitan Tokyo area being hit by large-scale earthquakes in the near future, and it is expected that Chiba City will also suffer from them. At our school, we are taking the following measures in preparation for emergencies. We ask that you please review them.

1 Regular earthquake and tsunami preventive measures taken at school

（1） Safety inspections of school equipment
Regular safety inspections of the school building, measures to prevent fall-prone objects and heavy objects from falling over, etc.

（2） Checking the condition of the school's facilities and equipment

（3） Securing water for daily use and water for emergency use

（4） Understanding the situation in the area by reading a disaster prevention map (hazard map)
Confirming school commute routes and dangerous locations in the area, risk of harm to the school district, route to broad-area evacuation sites, etc.

2 Enhanced evacuation drills and disaster-preparedness education

（1） Evacuation drills

①Drills are conducted throughout the year as part of the curriculum, ensuring students understand the goal of the drills

②In addition to normal evacuation drills, more practical drills such as student release drills and drills taking evacuation sites into account are conducted

（2） Disaster-preparedness education

①Disaster-preparedness education is taught through all school educational activities (i.e. all subjects, ethics class, special activities, integrated studies, etc.)

②Evacuation drills aim to teach students how to appropriately assess the situation and to always remain calm

3 Initial response when a large-scale earthquake occurs

（1） If an earthquake occurs while the students are at school

①Safety securing procedures (procedures to protect themselves where they are)

②Moving to an emergency evacuation site ("don't push", "don't rush", "don't talk", "don't go back")

③Judgement: based on available information, the school will decide whether the students will **leave school normally, leave school in groups, whether the school supervises or releases students**, etc..

Regarding supervising and student release

If a Category 5 Lower earthquake or higher occurs within Chiba City, the school will supervise the students at school.

After discerning the state of the school facilities, electricity/water/gas conditions, checking for announcement of a major tsunami warning, tsunami warning, etc., the school will judge whether it will supervise the students at school or at another location (such as a broad-area evacuation site).

After sufficient confirmation of the status of the school district and school commute routes, whether the guardians have returned home or not, etc., the school will release the child.

- **Using the emergency release card, the school will ensure the student is released to their guardian or other authorized adult.**
- **The school will understand that guardians may be late in picking up their child for reasons such as having difficulties returning home, etc.**

（2） If an earthquake occurs while the students are on their way to school/leaving school

①Students are taught to protect themselves from falling objects such as signs/boards, outer walls of houses, window glass from tall buildings, etc. (safety securing procedures)

②**As a general rule, if an earthquake occurs while students are heading to school or leaving school, they will make their way to (or return to) the school**

③**Even in the middle of going to or leaving school, if it is evident that the student is closer to home than to the school, or if there is an evacuation site of another school or public center on the way, they are instructed to go home or to evacuate to such evacuation sites.**

④Students are taught not to approach dangerous locations when an earthquake occurs or right after one. (act assuming that there will be aftershocks)

（３）If an earthquake occurs while the students are at home

If a Category 5 Lower earthquake or higher occurs in Chiba City between the time that the students leave school and 7 a.m. of the next morning, the students are ordered to stay at home. After confirming that the campus and the school district is safe, the school will contact the guardians to inform them the stay-at-home order has been lifted.