



Re: Lockdown Drill

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all children and staff safe, we regularly review and practise our emergency procedures. Last week, the children took part in a fire drill to remind everyone what to do should the fire alarm sound. Over the coming weeks, we will also be carrying out a lockdown drill.

A lockdown procedure is a precautionary measure used in the unlikely event that there is a situation outside or near the school site that requires us to keep everyone safely inside the building. Just as we practise fire drills, it is important that we also rehearse our response to other emergency situations so that staff and pupils know what to do.

Before the drill takes place, staff will explain to children that this is only a practice and that there is no cause for concern. The drill will be conducted in a calm and age-appropriate manner, with the emphasis on listening carefully to instructions and practising routines that help keep everyone safe. Children in our Early Years classes (EYFS) and The Nest/Pipits will NOT be taking part in this drill.

We understand that some children may have questions about the drill. Staff will be available to provide reassurance and answer questions in an appropriate way. The exercise is not intended to create fear or anxiety; it is simply part of our responsibility to ensure that we are well prepared and able to respond effectively should the need ever arise.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.

Kind regards,

C. Holgate

Headteacher