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Dear Parents

Today we carried out a few test 'lockdown procedures' with our children and taught them how to respond in the unlikely event of a 'lockdown' at school.

In the event of an emergency situation such as perhaps a dangerous animal making it onto our site or an unstable/dangerous member of the public entering our building, a lockdown state will take place. Our school has invested heavily in several new alarms that will sound when such emergency occurs. These alarms will give children and adults the signal to get into the correct position in the space that they are working. The alarms also reach the breadth of the school field and in the event that a child is outside at the time of the alert, they will make their way inside to safety.

We have spoken to all children very carefully this morning and we have walked them through the practise 'lockdown procedures'. They are aware of some of the emergency situations that could occur and of how they are to respond.

All of our conversations have been specifically planned to create as little confusion and anxiety as possible about the process and reflect the fact that it is highly unlikely that any such case would occur in our school. Nevertheless, it is important that the children have some kind of experience at least annually to ensure that we are prepared for every eventuality.

It would be helpful if parents could support our children by discussing the lockdown state at home and ensure that children have a good understanding of how to stay safe. It is also advised that families have their own plans to stay safe in public spaces or indeed their own family homes in the event of an emergency. Personally, my family means the world to me and I will be talking to my two children over the weekend to ensure that we all know how to respond in our own house and places that we frequently visit.

The procedure was received very well today and the children were quite excited about it all. Hopefully they will never have to rely on it in real life but it will support their own personal wellbeing and understanding of safety in other situations in the future.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Andy Callaghan-Wetton