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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lockdown Drill

As a school we hold regular fire drills for our children and staff so they can practise evacuating the building should the need arise. It is also important that we start to hold lockdown drills should we have an unusual circumstance such as a dangerous dog, a cloud of toxic smoke in the air, an intruder onsite, or a member of the community bring a weapon into school. The lockdown procedures are designed to keep schools safe in a range of emergencies.

We are aware that the lockdown drill will be a different feeling for both staff and children compared to the standard 'fire drill'. We will be discussing the process with the children in assembly after which we will go through lockdown with them so that they can start to get used to what is required. We do not practise the lockdown drill as a 'surprise' and we aim to make the practice as positive and collaborative as possible.

All these steps are carefully designed to make our school a safer place for everyone.

Across the UK there has been an increase in school incidents and as a result the Local Authority alongside Wiltshire Police put together sessions for all schools to develop a Critical Incident Plan. Staff and Governors have attended training to ensure we develop effective procedures. Please be reassured that this new drill is not due to any known threat to our school, it is a natural process of improving school safety should a risk arise in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Alison Pass

