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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all members of our school community safe, we are planning to deliver an interactive form time lesson for students on our school's invacuation and lockdown procedures. The lesson is planned for all students to take place on **Thursday 8th October 2026**.

The session will explain what students should do if the school ever needs to go into an invacuation/lockdown and why following instructions calmly and promptly is important. Students will have the opportunity to discuss different scenarios, ask questions and develop a clear understanding of the actions they would be expected to take to help keep themselves and others safe.

We would like to reassure parents and carers that this will be an interactive lesson, **not a lockdown drill**. There will be no simulation of an incident and no attempt to recreate an emergency. The focus will simply be on ensuring that students understand our procedures and know what to do should a lockdown ever be required. Staff have been trained in the school's overarching principle of the three Ss: Stay Safe, Stay Secure, Stay Sat on the Floor.

This lesson forms part of our preparations for the enhanced security expectations being introduced for public spaces. The requirements associated with Martyn's Law (the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025) are due to be implemented in stages, with relevant requirements expected to apply from 2027. We are therefore taking the opportunity to begin developing students' awareness and understanding well in advance. Most schools have similar procedures in place and prepare students through educational activity.

Our priority throughout this work is to provide age-appropriate information in a calm and reassuring way, without causing unnecessary concern or anxiety. Students will be reminded that lockdown procedures are precautionary safety measures designed to protect everyone in the school community.

A drill will take place later in the term. Unalike to a Fire Drill, the drill date will be shared with staff, students and parents prior so to remove any stress or concern that could be caused if done unexpectedly.

We appreciate your support in helping us ensure that students understand the importance of following staff instructions in an emergency. If your child has any concerns prior to or following the lesson, we encourage them to speak to a member of staff so that we can provide appropriate reassurance and support.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and secure school environment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sexton
Headteacher