

ST. BENEDICT'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our ongoing security enhancements, it's important that we put procedures in place and plan even for events that are very unlikely to occur. As part of this, we will be conducting another lockdown practice across the school on Thursday 21st May.

What is a security lockdown and when would it happen?

A security lockdown procedure is a standard health and safety procedure, similar to a fire drill. Our security lockdown procedure would be used when there is a threat to the safety of our pupils, staff and others in the school, and when it's safer for everyone to remain in school. The aim is to keep people safe by confining them to a secure place.

Situations where our security lockdown procedure may be used include:

- A potentially dangerous person or animal on the school site
- A disturbance or dangerous situation in the local community that could affect the school
- A nearby chemical incident or other risk of air pollution
- An incident related to terrorism

Our practices are planned, precautionary drills only and not in response to any specific threat.

Pupils and staff will be guided through the procedure in a calm and age-appropriate manner. Teachers will talk through the procedures and review expectations with pupils beforehand. All staff will be available to help support all the children throughout the practice in a calm and sensible manner.

The purpose of these lockdown practices is to help ensure that students and staff are familiar with safety procedures and know how to respond appropriately in the unlikely event of an emergency. No outside emergency services will be involved, unless otherwise stated.

We understand that discussions of safety procedures can sometimes cause concern. Please be assured that student well-being is our top priority, and every effort will be made to conduct the practice in a supportive and non-alarming way.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep our school community safe. If you or your child have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to talk to your class teachers or contact myself, Mr Phillips . Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

M Phillips
Headteacher