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Dear Parent/Guardian

The safety and welfare of our pupils and staff are our highest priority at Linslade Lower School. We practice safety drills throughout the year to help our children know what to do in an emergency. The aims of the training drills are to improve our ability to protect children, save lives, and reduce injuries. These practice drills allow us to evaluate our emergency operation plans and improve our response skills.

We will be conducting a 'lockdown drill' over the course of the term, which we wanted to make you aware of. This drill is designed to ensure that pupils are aware of our safety procedures and to reduce the level of anxiety that could come from a real-life situation should it ever occur.

A lockdown would be initiated when a situation arises that requires the isolation (rather than evacuation) of staff and pupils/students from an identified threat, such as;

- Aggressive or violent intruder
- Siege/hostage incident
- Local emergency (Gas cloud/Air Pollution)
- Dangerous Animal

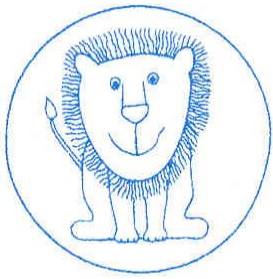
The purpose of this drill is to keep the pupils safe from any danger outside or inside the building. During a "lockdown drill," all of the perimeter doors to the school building will be locked and will remain locked until the danger or issue outside or inside the building is removed. To enable everyone to remain safe, no one will be allowed to enter or leave the building until the authorities authorise such a release.

We will hold the lockdown practice on **Friday 10th October** in the morning. I will discuss what will happen to the children in assembly on Monday 6th October. To make the situation less scary for the children, we will pretend that it is a windy day and we need to be inside to keep safe.

In the event of a real threat to Linslade Lower School, we would initiate a lockdown in accordance with the police. Parents will be contacted at a suitable time to inform of the event. It is vital that parent(s)/guardian(s) do not:

- Contact the school via telephone in order to keep our phone lines clear
- Come to school in person, unless told it is safe to do so by ourselves

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We appreciate that this would be extremely difficult, but if the above points are not followed, this could jeopardise the safety of pupils/students and staff in school.

In order to protect your child, pupils will only be released to parents and/or other adults listed on the emergency information sheet in the case of an actual emergency. Please be sure that this information is current and accurate. It is a good idea to have several trusted adults listed with the school.

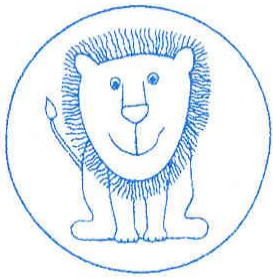
We must stress that this type of event is extremely unlikely; however, it is important that pupils and staff practice the drill.

Thank you for your continued support, and if you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Farlam

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