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Annwyl Parents/Carers

Re: Lockdown Drills in School

At our school, the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff is our top priority. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a secure environment, we regularly review and practise our emergency procedures. This includes fire drills—and now, lockdown drills.

We are writing to let you know that we will be carrying out lockdown practice sessions over the coming weeks. These drills will be carefully planned and introduced to staff and pupils in advance. Children will first learn about lockdown procedures during an assembly, where I will explain what a lockdown is and why we practise it. They will then take part in a classroom-based practice. Later in the term, we will conduct an unannounced lockdown drill to ensure everyone is familiar with the process.

Lockdown drills are a precautionary measure designed to prepare staff and pupils for rare situations where it may be safer to remain inside the building rather than evacuate. They form part of our wider safeguarding strategy and are recommended by both local authorities and national guidance. Examples of situations where a lockdown might be necessary include:

- An unauthorised person on site
- A nearby incident that could pose a risk
- A situation requiring us to quickly secure the building

We understand that the idea of a lockdown drill may be unsettling, particularly for younger children. Please be assured that the drill will be conducted calmly and, in an age, -appropriate way. Staff will explain the purpose clearly and sensitively, and we will ensure that children feel safe and supported throughout.

We encourage you to speak with your child about the drill in a reassuring manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or speak with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.

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