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**Critical Incident 'Lockdown' Practice Drill**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to make you aware that on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 we will be running a lockdown practice drill. This is a normal part of our Health and Safety process.

A critical incident 'lockdown' is classed as an event or occurrence whereby we would need to keep our children locked inside of their classrooms for their own safety. Examples include a swarm of bees or a wild animal on site, an intruder on site, a fire nearby which has caused a large amount of smoke or a gas explosion which creates a plume of toxic smoke/gas. However, please be aware that these occurrences are incredibly rare.

Your child will be briefed by their class teacher on what to expect during the lockdown and the what expectations will be. Please speak to your child and let them know not to be too alarmed during the drill as it is only a practice so that they know what to do in the event of a real critical incident.

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

Kindest regards,

Mrs Sarah Netto  
Headteacher