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Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

Dear Parents/Carers

Lockdown Process and Testing

Lockdown procedures are a sensible and proportionate response to any external or internal incident which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of Staff, Pupils and Visitors in the school. Procedures aim to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of everyone.

All lockdown procedures, pupil briefings, or lockdown drills are carefully considered and age appropriate. It is important for us that Pupils must continue to regard school as a safe space with a happy and positive learning environment.

Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, but some of the more typical ones might be:

- a reported incident or civil disturbance in the local community which potentially poses a risk to the school community;
- an intruder on the school site with the potential to pose a risk to Pupils, Staff and Visitors;
- a warning being received regarding a local risk of air pollution (e.g., smoke plume, gas cloud);
- a major fire in the vicinity of the school;
- advised to lockdown by the Police;
- the close proximity of a dangerous dog roaming loose;
- someone entering the school site with intent of causing harm etc.

Staff are alerted to the activation of the lockdown by a recognised signal, which is audible throughout the school. The audible signal is different to and distinct from the Fire Alarm.

The school installed a Lockdown Alarm in October and after significant testing we are ready to undertake a full test when the school is open, and the Pupils are on site.

We will be carrying out this test on the morning of **Friday, 18th February 2022** and we are advising you of this should your daughter come home and talk about the incident then you are aware of what has taken place.

It is practice across all schools that this testing of the Lockdown Procedure takes place and as a school we need to ensure that what we have in place works. From this testing we will be able to streamline our processes to make things safer for everyone.

Yours sincerely

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Principal