

All Faiths Children's Academy

Monday 10th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you that we will be conducting a lockdown practice with the children on Tuesday morning. While it is extremely unlikely that we will ever need to implement a real lockdown, it is necessary and responsible for us to be prepared for such an event.

The reasons for having a lockdown may include:

- A reported incident or civil disturbance in the local community that could pose a risk to staff and students.
- An intruder on the school site with the potential to pose a risk to staff and students.
- A warning regarding a local risk of air pollution, such as a smoke plume or gas cloud.
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school.
- A terrorist or hostile threat.

The lockdown practice, which we expect will last no longer that a few minutes, will consist of:

- Children hearing a pulsed alarm similar to the fire alarm (the children have listened to both alarms before Christmas so will know the difference)
- Children remaining in their classroom and sitting on the floor (Reception will move next door to Nursery)
- Staff locking external doors and pulling down the blinds

Today in assembly, we have briefed the children about the practice and will ensure that they remain calm throughout the exercise. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and calm and to make sure that both staff and students are well-prepared for any potential emergencies.

If you have any questions, please either call or send a Myed message to the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind regards,

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