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Dear Parents,

It is time for us to practice our annual Lockdown Procedure.

Lockdown is necessary when children and staff need to be locked within buildings for their own safety i.e. in an emergency situation such as a hostile intruder, terrorist attack or other criminal activity.

Whilst this is extremely unlikely, it still needs to be part of safeguarding measures in school.

It will be handled extremely sensitively. It will consist of myself and Mrs Matthews (Safeguarding Lead) visiting each class, informing children that we are going to play a little game which will involve seeing how quickly we can practice hiding in class and not making a sound. **It will happen Friday afternoon.**

We will also inform children that we will only ever ask them to do this again if a) we are practising again or b) we need them to do it for real. We will not speculate what any possible threat may be so as not to cause any unnecessary anxiety. Whilst we cannot eradicate pupils from talking about this lockdown procedure after it has happened, we will advise them not to. This is because we have to be sensitive to the differing needs of all our children.

For your information/reminder:

Approximately 40,000 bees invaded the school field: we responded quickly. The air was thick and black with potential 'stingers'. All children were evacuated from the field; entered the Hall and accounted for safely within a minute. This may be a useful 'in-road'/conversation with your child should you feel the need to prepare them with a real-life scenario. Indeed, some of our pupils may even remember this (circa 2022!).

If you have any further questions, please ask Mrs Matthews (Designated Safeguarding Lead).
Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Abbs & Mrs Matthews
Head Teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead