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Monday 30th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: ICECATS Programme (Lockdown and Evacuation Procedures)

At Our Lady of Lourdes, the safety and wellbeing of our children is always our highest priority. As part of our continued commitment to safeguarding, we regularly review our procedures to ensure they remain clear, effective and reassuring for everyone in our school community.

To support this work, we will be welcoming ICECATS, a nationally recognised organisation who specialise in helping schools develop calm, practical and child-friendly approaches to lockdown and evacuation procedures. ICECATS have supported many schools across the UK and we are pleased to have the opportunity to work with them.

They will be visiting our school on **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st April** to work with staff and children in a gentle and age-appropriate way. Their sessions are designed to help children feel confident and secure, without causing any worry or distress.

As part of their visit, ICECATS would like to invite parents and families to an information session to explain how the programme works in schools and how it supports a safe and reassuring environment for children. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 21st April from 9:10–9:40am in the school hall**. We warmly welcome all who would like to join us.

We understand that the idea of lockdown procedures can sometimes feel concerning. Please be assured that our aim, in working with ICECATS, is to ensure our approach remains supportive, transparent and calm for everyone involved. Their input will help us to communicate procedures in a clear, confident and non-threatening way.

A further letter from ICECATS is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton

Executive Headteacher