



16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year, we conducted our first whole-school practice of our security lockdown procedure. As you may recall, these measures are being introduced across all schools in response to Martyn's Law (the Terrorism Protection of Premises Act 2025). Having recently introduced our Year 7 students to the procedure, we will be running another whole-school practice next week.

These national standards are designed to ensure that staff and students can respond calmly and effectively in the unlikely event of a high-level security incident. While full legal enforcement of the legislation does not begin until 2027, we have chosen to implement and practice these procedures now to ensure our school community is thoroughly prepared.

We recognize that the concept of a "lockdown" can cause anxiety for some students. Our staff are trained to approach these drills in a calm, matter-of-fact manner. We will continually reassure students that these exercises are routine safety precautions, much like a fire drill, and that the situations they prepare us for are extremely rare.

Our primary goal remains the safety and well-being of every child in our care. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these procedures further, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

As we approach the end of the first half-term, I would like to thank you all once again for your continued support. Please note that our final day of school before the break will be **Thursday 22nd October** (normal school hours). School will reopen for all students on **Monday 2nd November**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N. K. Willingham
Headteacher