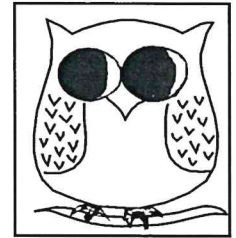


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Dear Parents

As you are probably aware, the school carries out regular fire drills to ensure that children and staff know what to do in such an event, and so that we can regularly review our practice.

The Local Authority and Police now advise that schools should carry out 'Critical Incident' drills also. A critical incident can be anything from a swarm of bees on the playground, smoke pollution in the air, to an intruder on the school grounds. These incidents may lead to a 'lockdown' in school until any danger is removed, or an evacuation from the site to somewhere safer. The school has a Critical Incident Plan and it is crucial that both children and staff know what to do in such an event.

Therefore, next week we are sharing with the children the different alarms and signals, and towards the end of the week will carry out a drill for a lockdown.

Please let me reassure you that, as always, we will carry out drills in a calm and sensitive manner no child should be alarmed by the practice. Our off-site evacuation point is the church or The Oak but we don't intend to carry out a full evacuation drill until January.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

