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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Lockdown Drill

I am writing to let you know that on Monday we will be carrying out a Lockdown Drill. Schools have been required to do this over the last two years. Last year we carried out a 'table top drill' whereby the teaching team met and planned what we would do in the event that the school was placed in a lockdown situation. This year we are required to do a practical drill with the children.

I appreciate that this could be a challenge for some children and cause anxiety in others and therefore we are going to play a game. We have called it the Lockdown Party.

The children will hide in their learning zone with their teachers and myself and Mrs Gurbillon will go around the perimeter of the building. If we don't see any children or adults, that learning zone will win a tub of treats!

The children have been prepared for this through discussion in assembly and by their Class Teachers. They think it is a huge game of hide and seek and hopefully this should ensure it is a fun activity for them.

Lockdown drills are now a fact of life in schools in the same way as Fire drills are. I wanted to let you know about our Lockdown Party so that you can choose if you want to prepare your child and will understand if they come home talking about hiding under a table!

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

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