



CANFORD HEATH INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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TEACH Trust Poole

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Article 29: Children have the right to develop their personality and talents to the full.

20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

From September 2019, the Department for Education required all schools to have additional safety procedures in place, which must be practised with all children. This procedure is called 'Lockdown.' In the same way that schools have to practise fire evacuations each term, we are also expected to practise Lockdown drills at least once a year, as well.

Before we complete a full Lockdown drill, we need to test the alarms are fully working and can be heard in all of the rooms across the school. We need to do this whilst the children are in class so there is some level of noise, like a normal day. We will test the alarms next week to ensure they can be heard in every room.

Later in the term, we will plan Lockdown drill and we will text you at the beginning of the scheduled week to let you know that it will be happening that week. Similar to last year, we have planned a brief refresher lesson to help prepare our children for these drills, so that they can be undertaken effectively but without scaring them. We hope that, in no time at all, they will see the Lockdown drills in the same way that they see the Fire Drills, and learn that they are nothing to be afraid of.

If you or your child/children have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. A copy of the new Lockdown Policy and Procedures is available on each school website.

Thank you for your support with this matter, and please rest assured that we will do everything we can to handle this activity with sensitivity and care.

Yours faithfully

Headteacher



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