



Guru Nanak Sikh Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Enhancing Safety in our School

At GNSA we take safeguarding and the safety of your child very seriously. It is therefore important that we put procedures in place and plan even for those events that are very unlikely to occur. As part of this, we have introduced a new safety procedure called 'security lockdown.'

A security lockdown procedure is a standard health and safety procedure, similar to a fire drill. It would be used when there is a threat to the safety of our pupils, staff and others in the school, and when it's safer for everyone to remain in school rather than evacuate. The aim is to keep people safe by confining them to a secure place of safety.

Situations where our security lockdown procedure may be used include:

- A potentially dangerous person or animal on the school site
- A disturbance or dangerous situation in the local community that could affect the school
- A nearby chemical incident or other risk of air pollution
- An incident related to terrorism

Staff are fully aware of our school's security lockdown procedure and assemblies are being delivered across the primary and secondary phase to inform pupils of the procedure and the importance of keeping safe.

A practice lockdown drill will be taking place at school in the coming weeks, and this will then be repeated annually. Pupils will be reassured that they are safe, and we will emphasise that practising procedures like this will make sure that the school remains a safe place to learn.

If you or your child have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher / form tutor.

Thank you for your support.

Mr J S Sidhu
Executive Principal