



Wednesday 17 December 2025

Lockdown Practice Drill at Valentine Primary and Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon, at 1:45pm, we carried out a planned 'lockdown drill' across Valentine Primary School and Nursery. The children practised the procedural expectations calmly and sensibly, and staff supported them throughout.

Following the drill, teachers took time to de-brief with their classes in circle time, offering reassurance and talking through any worries. Children who found the experience difficult were given additional support by staff.

To further help children who may need continued reassurance or who benefit from visual explanations, I have written and attached a Lockdown Social Story. Parents and carers may wish to use this at home to reinforce the procedure in a gentle, age-appropriate way and to help alleviate any fear or uncertainty.

Whilst we sincerely hope that we will never experience a situation where a real lockdown is required, it remains important - just as with fire drills - that our children and staff know how to respond safely and confidently should an emergency ever arise.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep Valentine Primary School and Nursery a safe place for all.

Yours sincerely,

DJ Constable-Phelps .

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Executive Headteacher