



16th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

At Rockwood Academy, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is always our highest priority. As part of our ongoing safeguarding procedures, we will be conducting a **lockdown drill on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 9:30am.**

Lockdown drills are an important part of our school's emergency planning. They allow us to practise how we would respond in the unlikely event that we needed to secure the school site quickly in order to keep everyone safe. By practising these procedures in a calm and controlled way, students and staff learn what to do and how to respond safely if a real situation were ever to occur.

During the drill, staff will guide students through the lockdown procedures in their classrooms. Students will be asked to follow staff instructions carefully so that we can practise the process properly and ensure that everyone understands what to do.

We would appreciate your support in reminding your child about the importance of behaving sensibly and **listening carefully to staff instructions** during the drill. Taking the exercise seriously helps ensure that all students understand the procedures that are in place to keep them safe.

Please reassure your child that this is simply a practice drill and part of the school's normal safeguarding procedures.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards.

Mr S Hetherington
Assistant Headteacher