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Dear Sir/Madam,

Security Plan

In response to advice issued to schools by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office, the school has developed procedures as part of its security plan for dynamic lockdown of the school site, it the unlikely event of the need to respond to a firearms/weapon attack or an environmental threat.

As part of the lockdown procedure and the need to quickly restrict access on site through physical measures, we have had a second alarm installed (in addition to our fire alarm) to ensure that pupils, staff and visitors are clear about when to stay in classrooms as opposed to an evacuation in the case of a fire.

The new alarm that has been installed is an air raid siren. The school felt is appropriate to inform our neighbours so as not to cause any concern when it is tested.

The testing will take place for a two-minute period during the Easter holidays and thereafter an annual exercise will be undertaken to practice lockdown with pupils/staff, which is likely to take place during the day for a few minutes in the Autumn Term (between September and December 2019).

We trust that the sounding of the alarm will not cause any significant inconvenience to our neighbours and trust that you will understand the importance of the school ensuring that we have appropriate procedures in place to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff in all eventualities.

Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mark Rowland Business Manager

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