"Enabling life in all its fullness"

"I came that you may have life, life in all its fullness" (John10:10)

Our **Core Christian values** for our school are: *Perseverance, Creativity, Trust and Friendship*.

Lockdown Policy & Procedures

Website Version

For clarity this is a 'security lockdown' meaning in the event of an emergency e.g. a violent/aggressive/threatening person/ terrorist/ vicious dog, swarm of hornets on site. This is any situation which could put our children and staff in immediate danger and would require us to lockdown the school.

***THIS IS THE WEBSITE VERSION SO FOR SECURITY REASONS FULL DETAILS HAVE BEEN OMMITTED TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN AND STAFF SAFE* The full policy is only shared internally.**

Governors Responsibility: Safeguarding and RPC committee September 2026

Rationale
As part of our Health and Safety policies and procedures the school has a Lockdown Policy.
On very rare occasions it may be necessary to seal off the school so that it cannot be entered from the outside. This will ensure that pupils, staff and visitors are safe in situations where there is a hazard in the school grounds or outside the school in the near vicinity.
A lockdown is implemented when there are serious security risks for the premises due to, for example, nearby chemical spillage, proximity of dangerous dogs, serious weather conditions or attempted access by unauthorised persons intent in causing harm/damage.

Notification of Lockdown
Staff will be notified that lockdown procedures are to take place immediately on hearing long continuous burst of the school lockdown alarm

Procedures:
Omitted for online version security

Staff Roles:
Staff are fully trained and lockdown drills commenced termly as per fire drills.

Communication with parents
If a real lockdown situation (not a drill) parents will be notified as soon as it is practical to do so via the school's established communication network – parent mail/text.
Parents will be told:
'..the school is in a full lockdown security situation. During this period the telephones and entrances will be un-manned, external doors locked and nobody allowed in or out…'

Depending on the type and severity of the incident, parents may be asked NOT to collect their children from school as it may put them and their child at risk.
Pupils will not be released to parents during a lockdown.
Parents will be asked not to call school as this may tie up emergency lines.
A letter to parents will be sent home on the nearest possible day following any serious incident to inform them of context of lockdown and to encourage parents to reinforce with their children the importance of following procedures in these very rare circumstances.
The school will have termly lockdown drills and will ensure staff are aware of the procedure using the alarm signal to ensure calm approach and no panic/ worry for the children and to check compliance as to the policy.