

Lockdown Practice – Script EYFS/KS1

Today we are going to talk about something important that we practise in school to help keep everyone safe.

You already know that we sometimes practise a fire drill. We do that so we know exactly what to do, everyone can stay calm and safe and to make sure everything works as it should.

We also do another kind of practice called a lockdown drill. Just like a fire drill, it is only a practice so we can learn what to do. There is nothing for you to worry about.

If we ever hear a special siren that is not the fire alarm, the adults will help you. We will quietly lock the door, close the windows and the blinds. Then we will all sit together on the floor—either under the tables or in a place away from the door.

We will stay very still and very quiet until we hear the signal that tells us it is all finished.

This is also your chance to ask any questions you might have. It's okay to be curious.

Age-Appropriate Examples for Why We Might Need a Lockdown:

- There might be loud or distracting activity outside, like construction.
- Some smoke or gas might be outside that we need to stay away from.
- The police might ask everyone to stay indoors for a short time.

Lockdown Practice – KS2

Just like fire drills, schools sometimes practise something called a lockdown drill. This is not because anything bad is happening, but because practising helps us stay calm, confident, prepared and that everything in school works as it should to keep us all safe.

Here is what will happen during a lockdown drill:

If we hear a siren that is not the fire alarm, the adults in the room will lock the door and close the windows and blinds. Then everyone will sit on the floor, either under tables or somewhere out of sight from the door.

It's important that we stay completely silent until we hear the signal that tells us the drill is over.

This is simply a safety routine that helps us be ready for many different situations. This is also your chance to ask questions.

Age-Appropriate Examples for Why We Might Need a Lockdown:

- Police might ask local buildings to stay indoors briefly.
- An animal could be loose on the school grounds.
- There could be a nearby chemical spill.
- Someone might be on the grounds who shouldn't be there.