



Lockdown procedures and parental communication

In April 2025, the UK Government introduced the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act, known as Martyn's Law, to enhance public safety. All schools, including ours, now fall under the Standard Tier, requiring clear emergency procedures without the need for costly physical changes.

What this means for our school

- We must have practical plans for evacuation, invacuation, lockdown, and emergency communication.
- The focus is on staff training and preparedness, not structural changes to the school site.

Understanding security lockdowns

A lockdown is a standard safety procedure, similar to a fire drill, used when it is safer to remain inside the school. It helps protect pupils, staff, and visitors by securing the premises.

Possible scenarios include:

- A dangerous person or animal on site.
- A local disturbance or threat.
- Nearby chemical or air pollution risk.
- A terrorism-related incident.

What we are doing

- Emergency plans have been updated to meet legal requirements.
- Staff are receiving enhanced training.
- Regular drills will help students respond calmly and confidently.

Guidance for parents/carers during a real lockdown

- Updates will be shared via Arbor email, text, and our [school website](#).
- Please do not call or visit the school – this ensures we can work effectively with emergency services.
- Avoid posting on social media to prevent misinformation.
- Students will not be using mobile phones during lockdowns – this is part of our safety protocol.
- If lockdown extends beyond school hours, we will provide clear instructions about collection via email and our website.

Why This Matters

Martyn's Law is about preparedness, not fear. While the risk remains low, these steps help us safeguard our school community and maintain a secure environment.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact us directly. Thank you for your continued support.

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