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Dear Parent/Carer,

SCHOOL LOCKDOWN DRILL

At Maun Infant and Nursery School, the safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. To ensure that we are prepared for any emergency, we will be practising our procedures for the lockdown drill during school hours this term. Our lockdown policy has recently been updated and you can find this on our new school website here: [Lockdown Policy and Procedures](#).

A lockdown drill is an exercise that helps pupils and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency that requires us to secure the school building. Just as we practice fire drills to prepare for a fire, we practice lockdown drills to be prepared for other types of emergencies.

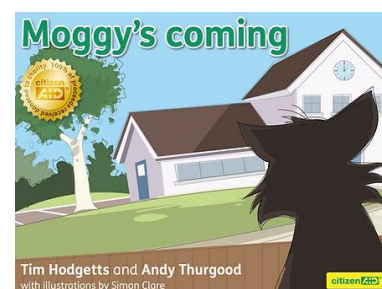
Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, including:

- A reported incident or disturbance in the local community
- An intruder on the school site
- A warning being received regarding a local risk of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.)
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school
- The close proximity of a dangerous dog

During the drill, teachers will follow established safety procedures to secure their classrooms, and children will be instructed on how to remain quiet and out of sight. The drill will be conducted in an age-appropriate manner, with staff explaining the procedures to pupils in a calm and reassuring way.

We understand that the idea of a lockdown drill can be concerning for some parents and children. Please be assured that these drills are an important part of our safety protocol, which are supported by the Department for Education, and are designed to help everyone to know what to do to stay safe in an emergency.

To support you in talking to your child about this procedure, you may like to take a look at a story produced by citizenAID, which has been written specifically for this purpose. An online version of the story can be found on You Tube here: [Moggy's Coming](#). This is an age-



appropriate way into the subject and has been the starting point we've used across school to get children ready.

If you have any questions or concerns about the lockdown drill, please feel free to make contact and let us know. We are committed to keeping our school a safe and secure environment for all our pupils.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Norman

Headteacher

