

LOCKDOWN: Information for Parents

All academies should consider the need for a robust and tested academy lockdown procedure. Lockdown procedures should be seen as a sensible and proportionate response to any external or internal incident which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of staff and students in the academy.

A lockdown is a precautionary measure in response to a threat directly to the school or in the surrounding community. In a lockdown all school activities are moved indoors. Depending on the type of lockdown, interior and exterior doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the building.

A lockdown is implemented by the Principal or Vice Principal in her absence when there is serious security risks of the premises due to, for example:

- near-by chemical spillage,
- proximity of dangerous animals,
- serious weather conditions
- attempted access by unauthorised persons intent in causing harm/damage.

Guildsborough Academy are currently finalising a LOCKDOWN policy and the procedures to implement. The school will need to practice a LOCKDOWN procedure. This procedure will be planned in advance and students, parents and teachers will be aware of when it will happen. Students will also be informed via their form tutor/assemblies prior to the practice of what they need to do.