



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding school security measures recently released by the Department for Education (DfE). The DfE has issued a new document outlining protocols for enhancing school security, particularly concerning practicing 'lockdown' procedures. We will therefore be completing a lockdown practice this term. Students will be informed in advance of our first drill. Students who are vulnerable or with SEN will be supported by staff during the drill to reduce any unwanted anxiety. Once a 'lockdown drill' has been completed, parents will be informed via a message on Synergy.

In line with these guidelines, it is imperative that all students understand the seriousness of adhering to safety protocols, especially during lockdown situations. The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of paramount importance, and strict adherence to these procedures is essential to ensure everyone's safety.

One key aspect around school security is the necessity for students to be in their allocated classrooms during a lockdown. This ensures that all individuals are accounted for and can be safely monitored by staff members. Any deviation from this protocol, such as being purposely late to class or truanting lesson, poses a significant risk to the safety of both the individual student and the entire school community.

As such, I urge you to discuss with your child the importance of compliance with these security measures. Emphasise the seriousness of the situation and the potential consequences of not following the established protocols. It is crucial that all students understand their responsibility in maintaining a safe and secure school environment.

Please be assured that our school staff will continue to prioritise the safety and well-being of all students and will implement necessary measures to ensure compliance with security protocols. We appreciate your cooperation and support in reinforcing these important messages at home.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school security measures or the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us via Synergy. Together, we can work towards creating a safe and secure learning environment for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Tom Kearns
Headteacher