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Dear Families

### **Important Safety Notice – Lockdown Drill at Stowmarket High School**

At Stowmarket High School, the safety and well-being of our staff and students is our highest priority. As part of our commitment to maintaining a secure environment, we will be conducting a lockdown drill during school hours imminently.

A lockdown drill is an essential safety exercise designed to prepare students and staff for emergencies that require us to secure the school building. Just as we routinely practise fire drills to ensure an effective response in the event of a fire, lockdown drills help everyone understand the procedures to follow in different emergency situations.

During the drill, teachers will implement safety protocols to secure their classrooms and students will be guided on how to remain quiet and out of sight. The drill will be conducted in a calm and age-appropriate manner, with staff providing clear explanations to reassure students while emphasising the importance of the procedure. Students will be informed of what they need to do and how they should behave prior to the lockdown drill taking place.

I appreciate that some parents and students may feel concerned about the nature of a lockdown drill but sadly preparing for emergencies is a necessity.

Please be assured that these exercises are a standard part of our safeguarding strategy, supported by the Department for Education and are designed to ensure that all students and staff know how to respond effectively in the unlikely event of a real emergency.

If you have any questions or concerns about the lockdown drill, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. A member of staff will be happy to discuss any queries with you.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all our students.

Kind regards

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