East Bierley CE (VC) Primary School

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At East Bierley Primary School,
WE ARE KIND
KIND INSPIRED NURTURED DETERMINED

Our vision:
To be a vibrant and inclusive Christian School where everybody is known, valued and inspired to reach their full potential. We nurture curiosity, creativity and a love of learning, equipping our pupils with knowledge, skills and character to flourish in an ever-changing world.

Friendship, Courage, Kindness, Respect, Forgiveness, Faith

Lockdown/ Invacuation/ Evacuation Guidance for Parents

Lockdown/ invacuation/evacuation Policy:

East Bierley CE (VC) Primary School are committed to protecting the Security, Safety and Welfare of its pupils, staff and third parties working on or visiting the premises. To meet this commitment the school has a robust and tested procedure.

Lockdown and Invacuation

A lockdown or invacuation procedure would be used if the need ever arises when children are outside to get them inside for safety as soon as possible, or if the children are inside and need to remain in the classroom because of an internal danger. It may be that a danger is spotted by staff on duty, or instructions are received from an outside emergency service. The procedure in school is supported by guidance issued on the government website.

An **invacuation** may be deemed the most appropriate course of action if an emergency situation occurs outside the school buildings or grounds and which renders an evacuation unsafe. Once the children are safely inside, school activities can continue as normal.

Invacuation may be appropriate in many circumstances. For example:

- If air pollutants are present due to a nearby fire of chemical release
- If a dangerous animal is in the playground
- If an aggrieved or intoxicated person is trying to obtain access to pupils or staff

A **Lockdown** may be deemed the most appropriate where an external or internal danger poses a significant threat to both staff and pupils. In the event of a lockdown, staff and pupils would be expected to stay in a designated safe area inside until advised otherwise by the emergency services.

The additional step of **lockdown** of the buildings/grounds aims to help prevent an intruder or violent individual from causing harm. Entrances to the school will be secured to make every effort to prevent an intruder from entering the premises.

A lockdown practice will be carried out with the children at least 3 times a year in the same way as we have fire evacuation practices.

Procedure:

- Staff will be alerted to the activation of the lockdown procedure plan by a recognised signal, audible throughout the school,
- Pupils who are outside of the school buildings are brought inside/taken outside as quickly as possible.
- Children will be registered to check they are all present.
- Lessons will continue as normal where possible.
- Parents will be informed via email and MUST NOT attempt to contact school or come to school to collect their children.
- Staff will be alerted to the deactivation of the lockdown procedure by a recognised signal.
- Parents will be informed via email that the lockdown has end