

# Hunslet Carr Primary School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I am writing to let you know of just two ways we help keep your child safe.

Last week, we had a fire practice, where children and staff left the school building when they heard the fire alarm. Half of the children, along with their teachers left the building and gathered at the front of the school, near the allotment, and the other half gathered at the back near the car park.

The fire practice was very successful, with the school building emptied and registers checked in under five minutes.

This week, we will be practicing a lock down exercise. This is where children and staff will find a safe place in their classroom when they hear the lock down alarm.

There are several reasons why we might start the lock down alarm in school. The main reason would be if there was a person or a group of people who had entered the school and the children's safety was at risk.

In the UK events like this are very rare. The most famous incident happened in Scotland almost 30 years ago, and since that time school security has improved enormously.

As you know from bringing your child to school, the school gates are locked and can only be opened by staff in the office who have checked who they are letting in. All the schools outside doors require a security fob to open and staff are trained to challenge any person inside school who does not have a security pass.

The lock down practice will be taking place after the register has been taken on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Teachers and other staff will be explaining in an age-appropriate way why we are practicing and how to find a safe place in each classroom.

If you have any questions, please find me on the playground before school.

Kind Regards  
Mr Martin Lumb  
Headteacher