



Security lockdown procedure

As part of our health and safety policies and procedures, Pass Move Grin Education has a lock down policy. On very rare occasions, it may be necessary to seal off the provision so that it cannot be entered from the outside. This will ensure that pupils, staff and visitors are safe in situations where there is a hazard in the school grounds or outside the school in the near vicinity.

A lock down is implemented when there are serious security risks on the premises such as nearby chemical spillage, proximity of dangerous dogs, serious weather conditions or attempted access by unauthorised person's intent on causing harm or damage.

NaCTSO (National Counter Terrorism security Office) Guidance.

In January 2016, NaCTSO provided the following advice to leaders of schools and other educational establishments for reviewing protective security: Most bomb threats are made over the phone and the overwhelming majority are hoaxes made with the intent of causing alarm and disruption. Any hoax is a crime and no matter how ridiculous or unconvincing, it must be reported to the police. Be alert, but not alarmed! On receipt of a bomb threat dial 999 and police will respond. You should always consider their advice before a decision is made to close or evacuate. Notification of lock down Staff will be notified that lock down procedures are to immediately take place on hearing a continuous whistle.

Staff are to make sure the front entrance door is locked. The headteacher will ensure other external doors are locked and ensure all staff members are aware of the nature of the emergency. The headteacher will use the code word 'orange' which will activate a process of children being ushered into a specific area in the provision. Children and Staff will ensure windows, blinds, roof openings and doors are closed. Children to be seated on the carpet or positioned under tables where appropriate and away from windows and doors. Lights, smart boards and computer monitors to be turned off. Staff should sit on a chair, on the floor or under a table. The Headteacher will decide if children and staff

would be safer in one particular classroom depending on the emergency situation. A roll call will be taken using the fire registers once in lockdown positions. The police will be called and then the school administrator/headteacher will hand out the registers. Children or staff not in class for any reason will proceed to the nearest occupied classroom and remain with that class. Headteacher to ensure all outside doors are secure and then base themselves in the corridor. NO ONE SHOULD MOVE ABOUT THE SCHOOL ONCE IN PLACE. Staff to support children in keeping calm and quiet. Staff remain in lock down positions until informed by key staff that there is an all clear. This will take place by a verbal 'all clear' message from the Headteacher. As soon as possible after the lock down is at an end, teachers return to their base classroom and conduct a roll call and notify the office/head immediately of any pupils not accounted for.

Staff Roles

Head Pass Move Education to ensure that the front entrance door is locked and police called if necessary. Head teacher to shut and lock the outside and shut the inside office door. Individual teachers/ HLTAs/ TAs lock or close the classroom doors and windows. Nearest adult to check exit doors are locked. All other staff/ children head to the nearest classroom. STAFF/VISITORS CANNOT SIGN OUT OR LEAVE THE PREMISES DURING LOCK DOWN.

Communication with Parents and schools

If necessary the children's main school will be notified and parents will be notified as soon as it is practical to do so via the provision's school text system. Depending on the type and severity of the incident, parents may be asked NOT to collect their children from school as it may put them and their child at risk. Pupils will not be released to parents during a lockdown. Parents will be asked not to call school as this will tie up emergency lines. If the end of the day is extended due to the lockdown, parents will be notified and will receive information about the time and place pupils can be picked up from office staff or emergency services. A letter to parents will be sent home as soon as possible following any serious incident to inform parents of the context of the lockdown and to encourage parents to reinforce with their children the importance of following these procedures in very rare circumstances. Invacuation drills Practices will take place a minimum of twice a year to ensure everyone knows exactly what to do in such a situation. Monitoring of practices will take place and debriefed to staff so improvements can be made. (Children will not be asked to hide during practices)

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