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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we successfully carried out our lockdown drill at Houlton School. Teachers prepared students in advance, discussing the procedure and sharing a presentation so students would know exactly what to expect.

We pressed the 'Lockdown' button at 14:41 pm.

I am incredibly proud of how our community responded. Within just 38 seconds, the entire site was fully secured, with all students and staff moving calmly and efficiently to their designated safe areas.

Furthermore, the officers playing the role of the intruders commented on the marked improvement between this and the previous lockdown.

Our students did a fantastic job today, and I highly encourage you to discuss the experience with them at home.

I would also like to thank Rugby Police for their vital support during this exercise. This was the second school lockdown drill they have attended, and they were immensely impressed by the exemplary conduct of both our staff and students.

We will continue to keep you updated on the safety and security measures in place at Houlton School. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lorna Pountney
Head of School