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Dear Parents and Carers

The safety of our pupils is of paramount importance, it is with that in mind that I am writing to you to make reference to our draft 'lockdown policy' at Greenhill. Following direction from the Cabinet Secretary and with support from our Local Authority, we have taken advice to put measures in place to secure our pupils safely in the event of a serious incident.

We unfortunately live in a world where we have to seriously consider such measures. A school 'lockdown' is a full or partial closure of the building that may be required in the event of a serious incident such as a refinery emergency or a terrorist threat. We recently addressed 'lockdown' with our staff during school INSET and next week I will begin leading assemblies with our pupils. A partial 'lockdown' drill will take place the week beginning Monday 12th February 2018.

May I also take this opportunity to raise a serious concern regarding traffic on our school site. With the construction of our new school drive, our school environment is particularly busy. As a result of a minority of parents/ carers dropping pupils off at reception by car, we witnessed a near miss with one of our pupils and a car on the morning of Thursday 1st February. Buses and taxis are welcome, in addition to pupils who need to be dropped off due to a physical disability. I urge all other parents and carers who drop pupils off by car to use the layby areas on Heywood Lane. I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Davies'.

Matthew Davies
Deputy Headteacher

