



# Moorside High School

*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Moorside High School and within the Consilium Academies Trust, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our highest priority. A key part of this commitment is to ensure that everyone in our school community is prepared to respond calmly and effectively in the event of an emergency.

Our students are already familiar with procedures such as fire drills, which take place at planned intervals throughout the academic year. These drills help ensure that students, staff, and visitors understand their responsibilities, know how to keep themselves and others safe, and feel confident should an emergency occur.

As part of our ongoing safeguarding work, Moorside High School and Consilium Academies Trust regularly review potential risks, even when the likelihood of such events is low. Following this review, we have identified the importance of introducing regular lockdown drills to further prepare students and staff for a range of scenarios. We want to reassure you that there is no increased risk locally or nationally at this time, this is simply a proactive measure to strengthen our preparedness.

We carried out our first lockdown drill in Term 1 and will be conducting a second drill this week. Staff will support students throughout the process to ensure it is calm and reassuring. Parents will be notified both when the drill is taking place and once it has been completed, using the school's usual communication channels.

If you have any questions or concerns about the planned drill, please contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com). Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.

Kind regards

Mrs H.E Ryles-Dean  
Principal





## Lockdown Drill – Parent/Carer FAQ

*Lockdown drills are an important part of this preparation. They help us create a calm, safe environment where students and staff feel confident about what to do should an emergency ever occur. Below, we've answered some common questions to help you understand what to expect.*

### 1. What is a lockdown drill?

A lockdown drill is a safety exercise that helps students and staff practice what to do if there is a situation where it is safer to remain inside the building rather than evacuate. This could include an external threat or other emergency.

### 2. Why are we doing lockdown drills?

Just like fire drills, lockdown drills are part of our commitment to keeping everyone safe. They help students and staff understand their roles and responsibilities, so they can respond calmly and confidently if an emergency ever occurs.

### 3. Is there an increased risk at Moorside High School or locally?

No. There is no increased risk locally or nationally. These drills are purely a precautionary measure to ensure we are prepared.

### 4. How will the drill be carried out?

The drill will be carefully planned and supervised by staff. Students will be supported throughout to make sure the process is calm and reassuring.

### 5. Will my child be told in advance?

Yes. Students will be informed about the drill and its purpose, so they understand it is a practice and not a real emergency.

### 6. How will parents be informed?

We will notify parents when the drill is taking place and confirm once it has been completed, using the school's usual communication channels.

### 7. What should I do as a parent?

You don't need to take any action. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com).

### 8. Will this cause anxiety for students?

We aim to make the drill as calm and supportive as possible. Staff will explain the purpose clearly and reassure students throughout. If your child feels anxious, please let us know so we can provide additional support.