



# Thornhill Academy

*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Thornhill Academy, safeguarding our staff and students is of paramount importance. A large part of our safeguarding efforts are ensuring that our students, staff and community are prepared to respond to emergency situations.

In school our students are familiar with emergency procedures such as fire drills, which happen at planned intervals throughout the academic year. These drills ensure that students, staff and visitors are clear on their responsibilities to keep themselves and others safe and reduce the anxieties around such events should they occur. We continue to respond to any possible risk regardless of the likelihood of this occurring.

As part of this work the academy alongside Consilium have identified that there is a need for an emergency lockdown drill to prepare students and staff to be aware of their roles and responsibilities. This drill will occur during the **week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

Students will receive advice, support and guidance around the lockdown drill in a whole school assembly in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Thornhill Academy are not aware of any increased risk locally or nationally at this time.

Students will be supported throughout the drill by staff. Parents will be notified when the drill is occurring and after the drill is completed through the Academy communication systems.

If you have any questions or queries in regard to the planned drill these should be directed to Miss L Coates – Head of Safeguarding and Wellbeing or Mrs K Weller Business Support Officer.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Coates  
Head of Safeguarding and Wellbeing

