



SIR JONATHAN NORTH GIRLS' COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Sir Jonathan North Girls' College, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our highest priority. To ensure that everyone knows how to respond appropriately in an emergency, we regularly practice our emergency procedures throughout the school year. We also speak to students about emergency procedures, including both fire evacuation drills and lockdown procedures.

Fire drills are familiar to most students and are designed to ensure that everyone can leave the building quickly, calmly and safely in the event of a fire or other situation requiring an evacuation. These drills allow us to test our procedures and ensure that all students and staff understand their roles and responsibilities.

A lockdown is a precautionary safety measure used when there may be a risk within or near the school site and it is safer to remain inside a secure location. Whilst such incidents are extremely rare, schools are advised to ensure that students and staff are familiar with lockdown arrangements in the same way that they are familiar with fire evacuation procedures.

We recognise that some students may feel anxious when discussing emergency procedures. Staff will explain the purpose of these practices in an age-appropriate and reassuring manner, emphasising that they are precautionary measures designed to help keep everyone safe. Just as we practice fire drills without expecting a fire, we practice lockdown procedures without expecting an emergency to occur.

If your child has any concerns following a drill, please encourage them to speak to a member of staff. Equally, if you have any questions about our emergency procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep all members of our school community safe.

Yours faithfully,

Zaynab Bharuchi
Vice Principal
Sir Jonathan North Girls' College

