

Mullion Primary School. Lockdown Procedures



This document outlines the procedure in the event of actual or perceived threat at Mullion Primary School.

It is not exclusively as a response to terrorism but may be used to secure pupils in the event that an intruder is on the school grounds. Whilst Cornwall is not identified as a priority area for terrorism, Mullion Primary School has taken steps to consider what measures they will implement if the threat level were to move to "Critical" or if notified of a nearby incident.

What is dynamic lockdown?

Dynamic lockdown is the ability to quickly restrict access and egress to a site or building (or part of) through physical measures in response to a threat, either external or internal. The aim of lockdown is to prevent people moving into danger areas and preventing or frustrating the attackers accessing a site (or part of). It is recognised that due to their nature some sites may not be able to physically achieve lockdown.

Why develop dynamic lockdown?

Those seeking to conduct attacks often undertake a level of planning including hostile reconnaissance. All opportunities to detect and deter threats at the attack planning phase should be taken. Presenting a strong security posture through visible and effective activity, for example by staff awareness and reporting processes, efficient use of CCTV, deterrent communications and active security zones.

If preventing an attack has not been possible, the ability to frustrate and delay the attacker(s) during the course of the attack and reduce the number of potential casualties can be greatly increased through dynamic lockdown.

Advance planning of what needs to be done to lockdown a site and recognising the need for flexibility in those plans will save lives.

- In the event of a nearby incident staff will **calmly be informed** and children secured in the building whilst the police are informed.
- In the event of an attack, the bell will **ring intermittently** as opposed to a single constant ring to signal a fire evacuation. If the bell cannot be reached, staff will **shout lockdown**.
- Staff will follow the **RUN**, **HIDE**, **TELL** procedure, only if it safe to do so. If the adults judge that it is not then staff will **HIDE** with the pupils.

RUN - If it's safe to evacuate.

- Consider your route.
- Insist others come with you.
- Don't let them slow you down.
- Leave your belongings behind.

HIDE - If it's not safe to run.

- Lock yourself in a room.
- Move away from the door.
- Be as quiet as you can turn of phones sound and vibrate function.

TELL - Dial 999 when you are safe.

- Tell the police your location.
- The location and movement of the attacker or attackers.
- How they are dressed.



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All staff will be trained on this procedure and reminded of it annually. Staff will view the film "Stay Safe"

"Stay Safe" is a short film capturing the actions that people should take in the event of a firearms or weapons attack. It contains the main messages of **RUN > HIDE > TELL.**

The video can be accessed by visiting the **Government Website**.

Further information on Terrorism related matters can be found by visiting the <u>National Counter</u> <u>Terrorism Security Office</u>.