



Lockdown Drill | May 9th, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

BICS will hold a Lockdown Drill on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. A lockdown is where students and staff lock themselves in a classroom or other space. Lockdowns are used if there is a danger in the building such as an unsafe person.

Schools in our district perform a lockdown drill each school year. We work with, and are advised by, the RCMP as well as school district staff.

The format of the drill is as follows:

- In classrooms, students will learn about the purpose and process of a lockdown prior to the drill. Information is shared in an age-appropriate way with our younger students for example learning that a lockdown might be used if someone were caught stealing items from one of the grocery stores on the island and the police were looking for them.
- At 1:15 PM, an announcement will be made informing students and staff of the lockdown drill.
- Students and staff lock themselves into the room they are in and hide from the doors and windows.
- The RCMP and Principal visit each room and release students and staff.
- By about 1:45 PM, classes resume as usual.

In the event of an actual lockdown, it is likely we would have a controlled student release where students would be returned to their parents/guardians or other individuals authorized by the parent/guardian. This process would likely take a long time and your patience would be required. Until requested to come to the school by the RCMP, parents should stay away from the school site during a lockdown.

For this drill, students will continue the school day as normal and students will be dismissed at the regular time. Parents should not come to the school during the drill to pick students up for appointments as they will not be available.

We are grateful to Corporal Koehle and our RCMP officers for assisting us with this drill and ensuring it is comfortable for students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Scott Slater