

Lockdown/Stay Safe Drill

GBS is a community that works together on lots of different things, like keeping our school clean, recycling so we don't have too much waste, and being kind to and respectful of each other.

Staying safe and keeping Gillen Brewer safe is also one of the things we work on as a community. We are all in charge of our school and so, we want to make sure that only the people who belong at Gillen Brewer are in our school building. Just like if we have a fire, we have a plan- or if there is an emergency on the bus, we have a plan- or if we have a weather emergency, we have a plan, we also have a plan if someone comes into our school who does not belong here. This is called a lockdown plan.

Just like there is a very, very low chance of there being a fire, we practice fire drills anyway, because it is important for us to know what to do.

Just like there is a very, very low chance of there being a bus emergency, we practice bus drills anyway, because it is important for us to know what to do.

Just like there is a very, very low chance a person may enter our school without permission – we practice staying safe and locking up our school, because it is important to know what to do. This means locking all our doors and staying inside our classrooms and therapy rooms and offices. It also means turning off the lights in our rooms and keeping as quiet as we can, so the person cannot see or hear us.

When we practice what to do, it is called a Lockdown Drill.

We will know it is a Lockdown Drill when an adult announces over the phone “Lockdown drill, Lockdown drill, Lockdown drill.” As soon as we hear that, a grown-up will turn off the lights and you will all go to a special spot in the classroom with a teacher or in a therapy room or in the art and music rooms. We will sit on the floor so quietly until your teacher or therapist tells you it is time to get up.