Sometimes people have drills. A drill means that everyone practices a skill in the best way that it can be done. For example, firemen have drills to practice the best way to put out a fire. Practicing what to do, in the very best way that it can be done, helps to keep everyone safe if there is a fire or a dangerous situation.

In a drill, there is no danger. The best time to practice how to stay safe in a dangerous situation is when everything is safe and okay.

Sometimes students have drills. At our school, we have fire drills to practice leaving the school building quickly and safely. There’s no fire, but it’s important to practice what to do if there is one. We also have
tornado drills to practice what to do if there is a big storm. There’s no tornado or big storm, but we practice what to do if there is one.

Today we will have a drill to practice Lock Down. Schools have lock down drills so that teachers and students know what to do if there is a dangerous person in the school. It’s a drill. All the people in the school are safe people.

We will probably never need to use what we learn in a fire drill. That’s because fires do not happen very often at all. It’s just good to practice safe skills, so that we know what to do.

Tornadoes are dangerous. We may never need to use what we learn in a tornado drill. That’s because tornadoes and big storms do not occur very often at all. It’s just good to practice safe skills so that we know what to do.

Some people are dangerous. We will probably never need to use what we learn in a Lock Down drill. That’s because dangerous people do not enter schools very often at all. It’s just good to practice safe skills so that we know what to do.
How to Do a Lockdown Drill

We are learning what to do during lockdown. To practice, we are having a drill. It won’t last very long.

In a drill, it is very important to listen to what the teacher says and follow directions. The teacher has things to do. The students have things to do, too. We will try to work together to practice these safe skills for lockdown:

1. Our teacher will tell us when to start. She’ll say, “Our drill starts now.”
2. It’s important for students to try to stay quiet so everyone can hear the directions.
3. The teacher will turn off the lights and lock the doors.
4. Our teacher will tell the students to move to a place away from doors and windows. She will tell us exactly where to go.
5. It’s important for everyone to sit very still and silent.
6. Our teacher will tell us when we are finished practicing our lockdown drill.

We are learning what to do during a lockdown. Our drill helps us to practice safe skills.