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Good evening all,

After receiving news today of threats made to a small number of schools in Merseyside, we decided to move into a partial lockdown. Although not directly affected, we took these steps to keep school safe and secure. This involved closing shutters throughout the school, keeping children indoors and heightened vigilance at the front gates.

If there is ever a clear and immediate danger to St Monica's, we would move into a full lockdown. In that situation, we would send a text message and email to parents, **and no children would be able to be collected from school.** The shutters to the school office, along with all other shutters, would be closed and children would remain in their classrooms or designated safe spaces. They would stay there until we had clear confirmation that the situation had been resolved. These procedures are in place to ensure the site remains safe and secure for both pupils and staff.

We have previously carried out a lockdown drill and will run another one next week to ensure that pupils are familiar with the procedures should a similar situation arise affecting Merseyside schools. As always, these procedures will be explained to children in an age-appropriate, calm and supportive manner.

We will continue with heightened vigilance and look forward to seeing all children back in school tomorrow.

Mr J. Gouldbourne

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