

**Procedures**

<b>Title:</b>	Invacuation/Lockdown (exams)
<b>Associated Policies:</b>	
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<b>Senior leader(s)</b>	Abigail Boddy (Deputy Headteacher) Abigail Bell (Assistant Headteacher)
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<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
	<p>Prior to a lockdown situation being implemented, it is possible that an Invacuation may be implemented first as per the “Invacuation Emergency Procedures”.</p> <p>Potential Invacuation Situations include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The presence/suspicion of a dangerous animal(s) on site.</li> <li>• The presence/suspicion of a dangerous person(s) on site.</li> <li>• Falling trees/power cables etc.</li> <li>• External flooding/major weather event or conditions etc.</li> <li>• Advice from external agencies (i.e., police or local authority).</li> <li>• Any other incident or likely incident deemed by the Headteacher to require Invacuation.</li> </ul> <p>If an invacuation is implemented during exams, the Health and Safety Officer or a member of SLT will ensure that each exam venue is told of the invacuations by first contacting the examinations officer. The examinations officer will share a list of rooms in which exams are taking place. In each exam venue, external doors will be locked. Invigilators will be informed discretely. In the Sports Hall, one invigilator will step outside the hall with a walkie talkie. In other venues, SLT/KBT will keep the invigilators updated. When invacuation ends, invigilators will be discretely told in each venue. If the invacuation continues after the end of the exam, invigilators collect papers in, students remain seated and silent. Additional staff will move into exam venues to support, by dynamically risk assessing.</p> <p>If the invacuation develops into lock down, the following guidance will be implemented.</p> <p>A lockdown may be required in the following situations (this is not an exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an incident or civil disturbance in the local community which poses a risk</li> <li>• an intruder on the site with the potential to pose a risk</li> <li>• local risk of air pollution, such as a smoke plume or gas cloud</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a major fire in the vicinity</li> <li>• a dangerous animal roaming loose</li> <li>• an internal threat from a student</li> <li>• any other external or internal incident which has the potential to pose a threat</li> </ul> <p>Where a lockdown may be required when conducting examinations, the focus will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the welfare and safety of candidates and exams staff</li> <li>• maintaining the integrity and security of the examination/assessment process</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Purpose of these procedures</b>
	<p>The purpose of these procedures is to confirm the arrangements at Northampton School for Girls for dealing with a lockdown when examinations are being conducted.</p> <p>Lockdown procedures have been determined by consulting <b>ProtectUK</b> guidance. Depending on the nature of the incident, the centre may also decide to evacuate, invacuate (an inward evacuation) or use a protected space(s). However, these procedures focus specifically upon the actions, roles and responsibilities during an exams-related lockdown.</p> <p>In the event of a lockdown during an examination the focus before, during and after an exam will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• training staff engaged/involved in the conducting of examinations</li> <li>• how to achieve an effective lockdown</li> <li>• implementing RUN HIDE TELL principles</li> <li>• the welfare and safety of exam candidates and centre staff engaged in the conducting of examinations</li> <li>• how to let people know what's happening</li> <li>• maintaining the integrity and security of the examinations/assessments process</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Lockdown procedure</b>
	<p>Where a lockdown is required, the following procedures will be employed at Northampton School for Girls:</p> <p><b>Before an examination</b></p> <p>As candidates are entering/waiting to enter the examination room:</p> <p>Invigilators will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• instruct candidates to enter the examination room immediately</li> <li>• instruct candidates to remain silent, hide under desks or sit against a wall/around a corner but not near the door and to ensure mobile phones are on silent and non-vibrate mode</li> <li>• lock all windows and close any/all curtains/blinds</li> <li>• switch off all lights</li> <li>• lock all doors and/or use tables, or any other furniture, to barricade the entrance to the room</li> </ul>

- take an attendance register/head count if possible
- (if the threat is a chemical or toxic release) instruct candidates to cover their nose and mouth (their own clothing can be used) and attempt to use anything to hand to seal up cracks around doors and any vents into the room
- where safe/possible, not leave the examination question papers unattended/out of sight

A senior leader/authorised person will be present around the examination room(s) area(s) and where safe/possible, communicate the situation to the exams office/officer (via mobile phone/walkie talkie on silent and non-vibrate mode)

The exams office/officer will collate the information from all examination rooms and forward this to the head of centre immediately

The head of centre will make informed decisions on alerting parents/carers, awarding bodies and emergency services

#### **During an examination**

When candidates are in the examination room:

Invigilators will:

- tell candidates to stop writing immediately and close their answer booklets
- collect the attendance register
- make a note of the time when the examination was suspended
- instruct candidates to remain silent, leave all examination materials on their desks and hide under desks
- where safe/possible, communicate (via mobile phone/walkie talkie) the situation to the exams officer (ensuring that all mobile phones/walkie talkies are on silent and non-vibrate mode)
- lock all windows and close any/all curtains/blinds
- switch off all lights
- lock all doors and/or use tables, or any other furniture, to barricade the entrance to the room
- (if the threat is a chemical or toxic release) instruct candidates to cover their nose and mouth (their own clothing can be used) and attempt to use anything to hand to seal up cracks around doors and any vents into the room
- where safe/possible, not leave the examination question papers unattended/out of sight

Where safe/possible, the exams office/officer will collate the information from all examination rooms and forward this to the head of centre immediately

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If appropriate, where safe/possible, and following instruction from the appropriate authority, the exams office/officer and/or invigilators will initiate the emergency evacuation procedure

Where safe/possible, the exams office/officer will collect all examination question papers and materials for safe/secure storage following advice from the appropriate awarding body/bodies

**After an examination**

As candidates are leaving the examination room:

Invigilators will:

- stop dismissing candidates from the examination room
- instruct candidates who have left to re-enter the examination room
- instruct candidates to remain silent and hide under desks/tables
- where safe/possible, communicate (via mobile phone/walkie talkie) the situation to the exams officer (ensuring that all mobile phones/walkie talkies are on silent and non-vibrate mode)
- lock all windows and close any/all curtains/blinds
- switch off all lights
- lock all doors and/or use tables, or any other furniture, to barricade the entrance to the room
- (if the threat is a chemical or toxic release) instruct candidates to cover their nose and mouth (their own clothing can be used) and attempt to use anything to hand to seal up cracks around doors and any vents into the room
- where safe/possible, not leave the examination question papers unattended/out of sight

Where safe/possible, the exams officer will collate the information from all examination rooms and forward this to the head of centre immediately

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**Ending a lockdown**

The lockdown will be ended by either:

- the sound of a defined alarm, or
- the identification/authorisation of emergency service officer/senior leader/head of centre entering the examination room

A specific word or phrase may be used to confirm that the instruction to end the lockdown is genuine

Invigilators will undertake a head count/register and confirm attendance with the exams office/officer/senior leader

Where applicable and if advised to do so by a senior leader/head of centre, if there is sufficient time (and following JCQ regulations), candidates may be allowed to restart their examination. Invigilators will:

- ask candidates to return to their desks, remind them they are under formal examination conditions and allow a settling down period
- allow candidates the full working time remaining for their examination
- recalculate the revised finish time(s)
- tell the candidates to open their answer booklets and re-start their examination

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• amend the revised finish time(s) on display to candidates</li> <li>• note how long the lockdown lasted on the exam room incident log (to later inform a report to the awarding body/bodies)</li> </ul> <p>The exams office/officer will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safely/securely store all collected exam papers and materials pending awarding body advice/guidance and where this may be applicable:</li> <li>• ensure appropriate follow-up is undertaken after the incident, reporting the incident to the awarding body and the actions taken, where this may be applicable</li> <li>• where this may be applicable, ensure a full report of the incident is produced and retained on file if required by an awarding body</li> <li>• where this may be applicable, ensure an online application for special consideration is submitted to the relevant awarding body where candidates have been disadvantaged</li> <li>• At the earliest immediate opportunity the head of centre will ensure that any breach of question paper security or malpractice is reported to the awarding body</li> </ul> <p>Where applicable/possible/available, the senior leader/exams office/officer will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discuss any alternative examination sittings with the awarding body/bodies</li> <li>• offer, arrange and provide support services to staff and candidates</li> </ul> <p>At the earliest opportunity, the senior leader/head of centre will prepare a communication to parents/carers advising them of events (including relevant actions and outcomes)</p> <p>Where possible, exams staff and candidates will be invited to attend an assembly lead by the head of centre to discuss the lockdown and offer ongoing support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If this is not possible, communications will be provided via a centre text/email/newsletter and information uploaded to the centre website</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Roles and responsibilities</b></p>
	<p><b>The role of the head of centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that a dedicated lockdown alarm tone is in place and recognised by all staff and candidates</li> <li>• Arrange appropriate training for all exams staff in lockdown procedures</li> <li>• Ensure candidates are aware of the procedures relating to a lockdown, particularly those arriving late for an examination who cannot access the examination room due to it being locked down</li> <li>• Ensure all candidates and staff are aware of a possible exit point in case an intruder manages to gain access, or the room becomes unsafe</li> <li>• Provide written lockdown procedures for examination room/invigilator use</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform the relevant emergency service(s) immediately in the case of any potential threat to the safety of exams staff and candidates</li> </ul> <p><b>The role of the senior leader</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assume responsibility for exams staff and candidates taking examinations during a lockdown</li> <li>• Arrange training/drills for examination candidates on lockdown procedures</li> <li>• Inform parents/carers about the centre’s Lockdown procedure in relation to the conducting of examinations</li> <li>• Have a presence around examination room areas prior to the start of each examination session</li> <li>• Liaise with the appropriate authorities and awarding bodies regarding candidates taking examinations during a lockdown</li> <li>• Use the examination room attendance register(s) to compile a list of any candidates not accounted for</li> </ul> <p><b>The role of the exams office/officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train invigilators in the centre’s lockdown procedures (this should also include identifying all access and egress points within exam rooms, an awareness of the design of the locking device within each room and if there is more than one invigilator, whose role it would be to secure the exam room)</li> <li>• Where safe/possible, liaise with senior leaders/invigilators in all examination rooms during a lockdown</li> <li>• Assist with lockdown training for staff and candidates where applicable to the conducting of examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>The role of the invigilator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of the centre’s lockdown procedure</li> <li>• Complete attendance registers as soon as possible so candidates can be identified in the event of a lockdown</li> <li>• Where safe/possible, to communicate with the exams office/officer during a lockdown to confirm the situation in a particular examination room</li> <li>• Where safe/possible, not leave the examination question papers and candidates’ scripts unattended/out of sight</li> </ul>
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	<p>These procedures are reviewed and updated annually to ensure that a lockdown during the conducting of examinations at Northampton School for Girls is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.</p> <p>In addition to these procedures, centres are encouraged to provide a summary to all centre staff of the information relating to a lockdown during the examination period by completing and sharing the Department for Education’s <a href="#">Lockdown Template</a></p> <p>Staff engaged directly with the conducting of examinations (e.g. exams officer, exams officer assistant, invigilators, facilitators of access arrangements, etc.) should be instructed to refer to the full procedures.</p>
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