



St Marys Catholic Primary School

Bomb Threat Policy

2025-2026

BOMB THREAT POLICY

General statement

This policy is to be followed in the event of a bomb threat. The building should be evacuated immediately (if the bomb is located within the building) and not returned to until the relevant authorities have advised it is safe to do so.

We will keep staff informed of any changes that are made to our procedures and risk assessment. We will also ensure that all visitors to our premises are briefed in the evacuation procedures and not left alone unless they are aware of, and are familiar with, all available escape routes.

Employees' Duties

All staff have a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure that they do not place themselves or others at risk or harm. They are also expected to co-operate fully in complying with any procedures that may be introduced as a measure to protect the safety and well-being of staff and visitors.

Fire/evacuation marshals are responsible for ensuring all persons have evacuated the building and a register is available for the emergency services.

All new members of staff and temporary employees will be provided with induction training on all available escape routes and on how to raise the alarm.

Names and locations of marshals will be posted on notice boards. Training will be provided as necessary to staff who have been given extra responsibilities, such as fire/evacuation marshals.

Dealing with Suspect Packages

A suspect package can be left anywhere by anyone, and can have any appearance. It should not be handled, moved or tampered with in any way. If in any doubt about a package, leave it alone and report it immediately to the person in charge.

Possible indications of a suspect package may include:

- Protruding wires
- Noise or smoke from the package
- Grease marks on the wrapping
- A letter that is unusually thick (over 5mm), excessively heavy, lop-sided or stiffened
- An inner envelope which is tightly taped or bound.

If a suspect package is found, the area around it must be kept clear of people until the package has been made safe by the relevant authorities.

Evacuation Procedure

1. Office to call across to Farmers Class and say 'Bomb Threat'.
2. Adult to raise the alarm in each class with the class teacher.
3. Children to line up at the fire escape door and evacuate to the playground in the first instance.
4. Take the register as with a fire practice.
5. Evacuate the whole school to the church.

Bomb threat checklist

The checklist below has been designed to help staff deal with a telephone bomb threat and to record vital information for the emergency services. This form should be completed once the caller has hung up.

Immediately after the call:

- Phone 999 to report it to the police.
- Report it to the Headteacher; if the caller informed you that the bomb is in your building the Headteacher can instigate the evacuation procedure.
- Do not activate any alarms as this may trigger the device.
- Staff Handbags/personal bags are to be taken during evacuation when safe to do so.

BOMB THREAT CHECKLIST

THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED ONCE THE CALLER HAS HUNG UP

Date and time of call:

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Duration of call:

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Name of person taking the call:

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Location of bomb:

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About the caller:

Sex:

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Nationality/Regional accent:

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Estimated age:

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Tone of voice, i.e. scared, excited, upset, aggressive, calm:

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Background noises, i.e. cars, people, music, machinery

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Remarks or code words used:

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Other relevant information, including name and contact details if

given:

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Signature of call taker:

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Print name:

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Time and date:

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