4th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

**Our school building has been assessed and no RAAC has been found so we are not affected by the government’s recent decision to close a small number of school buildings due to safety concerns. School will be open as normal for the beginning of the new academic year**.

I understand that parents/carers may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub [article on the Education Hub](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vZWR1Y2F0aW9uaHViLmJsb2cuZ292LnVrLzIwMjMvMDgvMzEvbmV3LWd1aWRhbmNlLW9uLXJhYWMtaW4tZWR1Y2F0aW9uLXNldHRpbmdzLz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwOTAxLjgxOTc0MDQxIn0.MO-7_hrmaiUki0noN61BuaiKGOp0-7IPNonwbv7NqVY/s/2591350398/br/225172712014-l)

I hope that this offers reassurance and I look forward to welcoming all children, families and staff back to school for the start of another exciting year of learning. .

Yours sincerely,

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