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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. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance for education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result, areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings, and therefore they will continue to function as normal. Our school building does not contain RAAC and is fully safe to open. We understand that this is an unsettling news story and that it may naturally have led you to wonder about the safety of our school building. Furthermore, you may want to know more about the support provided for educational settings to manage RAAC safely.

You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub by visiting the following link: https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/08/31/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

I hope that this provides reassurance, and we look forward to welcoming your child to our safe and secure learning environment.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Langstreth at 0161 912 1479.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'LH Thompson'.

Linda H Thompson
Executive Headteacher

