

Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Families

We would like to address the recent media reports regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use within educational settings.

RAAC is a type of lightweight concrete, and concerns have been raised due to its relative weakness compared to traditional concrete, particularly in terms of long-term durability.

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently updated its guidance for educational institutions, advocating for a more precautionary approach when it comes to managing RAAC. Consequently, any areas within affected spaces will be vacated as a precautionary measure.

We understand that this information may raise concerns, and we want to reassure you that the safety of your children and our staff is always our top priority. Currently, we have not identified any confirmed instances of RAAC in our school building, and we have not been instructed to close any areas.

During the last academic year, we have taken specialist advice from the Department for Education to ensure we are confident that the presence of RAAC does not apply to our school building.

We appreciate that the recent media coverage may have caused some worries for parents and so we hope this communication offers you reassurance.

The safety and well-being of our pupils and staff remain our highest priority, and we are committed to taking all necessary measures to maintain a safe learning environment.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

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