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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.

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 to be vacated.

We want to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as **we DO NOT have any confirmed RAAC in any of our buildings**, and therefore we **will continue to function as normal**.

The school will open to children, as planned, on Tuesday 5 September 2023.

We understand that you 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.

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 offers reassurance.

Yours sincerely,

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