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Dear Parents and Carers

You will 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 to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected schools will be vacated.

I appreciate the concern this may raise, and we will always prioritise the safety of children and staff.

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas.

We want to take care and be sure, and are currently working with the DfE to check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings.

The change in guidance by DfE is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed. DfE is offering us access to surveyors who are helping us do these checks.

Any contingency plans will prioritise the continuation of education and ensure that, if RAAC is identified, any impact on students is kept to a minimum. Rest assured that the safety of students and staff is of paramount importance to all concerned.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

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