



Wednesday 6th September 2023

Dear Parents/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 and; 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 schools on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and, as a result, any affected spaces will be vacated.

In accordance with DfE guidance, we conducted a visual inspection of all our buildings last term. We have not found any evidence that RAAC was used in the construction of our buildings, and we have not been asked to close any areas. However, we want to take care and provide further reassurance, we have arranged for detailed surveys to be undertaken to confirm whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings. If RAAC is identified, we will let you know straight away, and we will have contingencies in place to ensure that any disruption to your children's education is minimised. The change in DfE guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed.

Any contingency plans will prioritise the continuation of education and ensure that, in the unlikely event that RAAC is identified, any impact on children is kept to an absolute minimum. Rest assured that the safety of children and staff is of paramount importance to all concerned. I hope that this offers reassurance.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming children back on Wednesday 6th September.

Yours sincerely
Ms N Edwards
Head of School

