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Dear parents and carers,

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

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

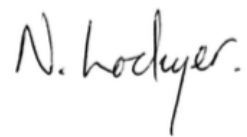
The DfE has been helping education settings and responsible bodies (such as local authorities and multi-academy trusts) to identify and manage the potential risks of RAAC since 2018. You can find more in the [Education Hub article](#) published by the DfE.

We appreciate the concern this may raise, and **we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff.**

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. However, based on our stated priority above, we are currently working with the DfE to actively check 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 put contingencies in place. Any contingency plans will prioritise the continuation of education and ensure that, if RAAC is identified, any impact on pupils and staff is kept to an absolute minimum.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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