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Dear Parents and Carers

## **RE: Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC)**

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 DfE.

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

The change in guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed. Whilst we have already carried out our own visible checks, as recommended in the latest DfE guidance, we have also appointed our own surveyors to complete the surveys quickly.

We **do not have any confirmed RAAC** in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. However, we want to take care and to be sure, and 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 have contingencies in place.

Any contingency plans will prioritise the continuation of education and ensure that, if 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.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards

Mr C Wilson  
Head Teacher