

1st September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you in light of the current media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in schools that has resulted in the closure of some schools and offer you reassurance given the level of media coverage at present.

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.

I wish to inform you that **we are not affected by this decision**. We commissioned a site survey in August 2022 which did not find any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and we have not been asked to close any areas of the school. **Therefore we will continue to function as normal and the school will open as normal next week.**

We are looking forward to the beginning of a new academic year. It will be wonderful to welcome students back to school next week. As a reminder Year 7 students and Year 12 students are starting on Wednesday 6th September and Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 return to school on Thursday 7th September at 8.45am.

I will write to you again next week with further information for the start of the academic year and I hope you continue to enjoy the rest of the summer holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Whitehead
Principal