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Dear Parents and 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; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. 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.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as there are no indications from surveys or plans that RAAC has been used in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through this article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/08/31/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Enrich Learning Trust has had site surveys of all its schools in the recent past with a view to safety and maintenance, these will be repeated as part of the normal maintenance and safety schedule by structural engineers. These engineers will continue to report on any work required which the Trust will respond to.

I hope that this offers reassurance.

Yours sincerely,

Jaime Mallett,

Headteacher



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