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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I hope that my letter finds you and your families well and that you have enjoyed the summer break.

I am sure that you will 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.

Over the summer, we have commissioned professionally led building condition surveys on all of our buildings and as part of these surveys building consultants have looked for any evidence of RAAC.

I am able to inform you that we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore all of our schools will continue to function as normal.

I understand that parents may want to understand more about the support offered to educational settings to manage RAAC safely where it is found. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the <u>Education Hub</u>.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that the start of the school year is positive for you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Randall Chief Executive Officer