



LIGHTHOUSE
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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. 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.

In the last year we have been working with the DfE to survey our buildings for RAAC. We have paid particular attention to Gordano School as several of its buildings were constructed in the post-war era. We are not one of the schools which have been directed to close buildings, but we are continuing to explore the use of concrete in several walls in one building. We have structural engineers visiting on Monday and will have certainty then of any risks presented.

Should there be any change in the circumstances we will let you know immediately, and we will always take decisions that prioritise the safety of our pupils, staff and community.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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