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Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

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. We appreciate the concern this may raise, and we would like to assure you that we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff.

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 North Yorkshire Council 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 will have contingencies in place.

We will therefore continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to know more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. We have been advised to direct you to the [article on the Education Hub](#).

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all your children to school on Tuesday 5 September and to starting the new year with them.

Kind Regards,

Jo Hall

Headteacher

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