

Dear Parents and Carers,

5th September 2023

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Wednesday as planned and our staff are currently busy training up so they are prepared and ready for their return.

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 are being vacated.

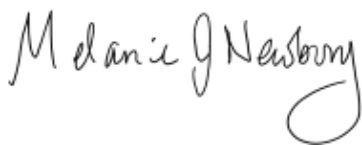
We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

Here is an extract of the letter from Pete Potts MBA, IEng. MIET, Chief Infrastructure and Digital Officer, SET Head Office:

Colleagues may be assured that our in-house estates team have conducted visual inspections of all settings, in accordance with the DfE's published guidance and I can confirm that no RAAC has been identified within the Trust's buildings. These findings were reported to the DfE, via their online portal during the spring term.

I hope that this offers reassurance and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school tomorrow as planned.

Best regards.



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