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Dear families

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, you will have read some schools have needed to vacate their premises.

We have undertaken an externally commissioned survey at Dixons Cottingley, and we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings, and therefore, we will continue to function as normal.

If you wish to know more about RAAC and the support provided to educational settings, you can access further reading via the online article published on the DfE's Education Hub.

I hope that this offers reassurance.

Yours sincerely



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