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RAAC Letter

Dear Families of Woodside,

I would like to address the recent media reports regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use within educational settings.

RAAC is a type of lightweight concrete, and concerns have been raised due to its relative weakness compared to traditional concrete, particularly in terms of long-term durability.

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently updated its guidance for educational institutions, advocating for a more precautionary approach when it comes to managing RAAC. Consequently, any areas within affected spaces will be vacated as a precautionary measure.

We understand that this information may raise concerns, and we want to reassure you that the safety of your children and our staff is always our top priority. **Currently, we have not identified any confirmed instances of RAAC in our school building, and we have not been instructed to close any areas.**

However, as a proactive measure, we are collaborating with the DfE to conduct a professional survey of our building. We are still waiting on a timeline for this but will aim to conduct these as quickly as possible. Following the outcome of the survey, we will communicate with parents at the earliest opportunity.

Please rest assured that in the unlikely event RAAC is identified, we will promptly inform you and implement contingency plans. Any contingency plans will be designed to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of education as our foremost concern will be to minimise any impact on our pupils. The safety and well-being of our pupils and staff remain our highest priority, and we are committed to taking all necessary measures to maintain a safe learning environment.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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