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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good summer and your children are looking forward to the start of term.

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 will be 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](#).

I hope that this offers reassurance.

School reopens for students at 10:30 am on Wednesday 6th September (Year 7 and Year 12 start at 8:30 am).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R S Wall', with a long, sweeping underline.

R S Wall
Headteacher