



Oaklands Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding 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 wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision. Our Trust organised contractors to complete a survey in both schools last year and Corvus received a report in June 2023 that confirms there is no RAAC in any of our buildings. We will therefore continue to be open and 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, if you would like to, through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/08/31/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/>

We hope that this offers reassurance. Our priority will always be to ensure children and adults in school remain safe.

Yours faithfully,

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