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Dear Parents and Carers,

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. Our in-house estates team have conducted visual inspections of all settings within the Trust, in accordance with the DfE's published guidance. I can confirm that inspection concluded that no RAAC has been identified at Madeley. These findings were reported to the DfE, via their online portal during the spring term.

As we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings we 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.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Nixon

Principal