

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. 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.

Redhill school has been working with the DfE since the start of the year. In the Spring term we commissioned a survey of the school site.

The results of the survey identified that RAAC was not present in any areas of the school that the students or teachers can access. No classrooms or communal areas of the school have RAAC within them.

RAAC was identified in a small section of the school that is not accessed by pupils or teaching staff, this area is locked off. Following the results of the survey, we have acted on the guidance from the DfE to ensure that Redhill continues to be a safe environment for all. We continue to work with the DfE and their team of specialists.

Redhill school will be open as normal for the students to return on Wednesday. We are excited to welcome the students back into the building and we look forward to another successful year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr James Clayton Headteacher

Redhill School

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