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Dear Colleagues

### **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**

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.

We wanted to inform you that our schools in the Wessex Learning Trust **are not affected by this decision as no RAAC has been identified** in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that you 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.

[List of schools affected by RAAC and what you need to know about the new guidance - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/13/list-of-schools-affected-by-raac-and-what-you-need-to-know-about-the-new-guidance/)

I hope that you have had a good start to the new academic year and that this letter offers you reassurance. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and commitment to our young people.

Yours sincerely

**Gavin Ball**  
**Chief Executive**