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Dear Parent/Carer

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) - Information

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 Thistley Hough Academy is 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 at <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/04/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/>

I hope that this offers reassurance.

Yours sincerely

Noel Kennedy
Principal