



# Aylsham High School

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Dear Parents/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.

The DfE has been helping education settings and responsible bodies (such as local authorities and multi-academy trusts) to identify and manage the potential risks of RAAC since 2018. We have had surveys, testing and risk assessments carried out, specifically to identify RAAC and we do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas and will continue to function as normal.

The change in guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed.

We appreciate the concern this may raise, and we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff. This will include further review if deemed necessary at a later stage.

I hope that this offers reassurance.

Yours sincerely,

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