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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

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 do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings at Backwell School and have not been asked to close any areas. However, we want to be absolutely sure, so have also commissioned structural surveys of our own.

Should there be any change in the circumstances we will let you know immediately, and we will always take decisions that prioritise the safety of our pupils, staff and community.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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