

Friday 1st September 2023

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. 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 at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Academy we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings. Therefore, we will continue to function as normal and will open as planned on Wednesday 6th September.

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.

I hope that this offers reassurance and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school after the summer break on Wednesday 6th September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clowes', written in a cursive style.

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