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Re: AGi/LT

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Dear Parents

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 we are 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.

I hope that this offers reassurance – and look forward to seeing Year 7s from tomorrow, Year 11s from Thursday and all remaining year groups from Friday.

A polite reminder that we expect uniform to be worn correctly, as per the website and my letter from July.

A decision regarding blazers in the current warm weather will be made each day based on the forecast for that day.

Yours sincerely

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