

Saturday 2nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) – no concerns for Ormiston Park Academy

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 need to be vacated.

We wanted to inform and reassure you that Ormiston Park Academy was built outside of the period when RAAC was used in construction. We are not affected by the DfE 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 RAAC and you can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

I hope that this offers reassurance.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Roessler
Principal
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