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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.

The vast majority of schools that may be affected were surveyed during the last academic year. Maidenhill School underwent an inspection relating to RAAC in February 2023. Our surveyor did not deem there to be any areas of concern.

In addition, every year we receive a major health and safety audit of our site and practices from Gloucestershire City Council and I can confirm that no concerns in relation to the presence of RAAC were raised when this took place. We will of course continue to work with the DfE as required to ensure our site remains safe for students in every aspect.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to a fully functioning school.

Yours sincerely,

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