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Dear Parent and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all back to what I know will be an exciting year of educational and spiritual opportunities at St Cuthbert Roman Catholic Academy schools.

I would also like to give you an update on how the current concerns about Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (commonly referred to as RAAC) affect our schools.

I can confirm that as a result of the government survey, none of our schools are suspected to contain RAAC and therefore no further action is planned. In addition, we have detailed recent condition surveys on each of our schools, carried out by specialist surveyors, and no evidence of RAAC has been found.

We have consulted on the measures already taken with our external Health and Safety Competent Person, Stallard Kane, who have endorsed our approach as best practice. Our estate management routines will ensure that this matter continues to be treated cautiously, but we do not believe our schools are at risk as a result of this building material.

For more information, I have included a link below to the government site.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/04/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/>

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