



Trinity

LEARNING • LOVING • LIVING

Monday, 4th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC).

I trust you had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed quality time with your loved ones.

I want to draw your attention to recent media coverage about the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in educational facilities. RAAC is a type of lightweight concrete, but due to its relatively lower strength compared to traditional concrete, there are concerns about its long-term durability. As a result, the Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidance for educational institutions regarding the use of RAAC, taking a more cautious approach. This means that certain areas in affected spaces will be temporarily evacuated as a precautionary measure.

We commissioned an RAAC inspection in June 2023 for the Primary Site. The inspection report advised that no RAAC was identified during the inspection. It is important to note that the Secondary site, constructed after the use of RAAC material was banned in the UK, is also deemed not of concern. As a result, our facilities will continue to operate normally without any disruption.

We understand that some parents may desire further information about the measures in place to ensure the safe management of RAAC within educational settings. You can find additional details in the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub, which provides valuable insights into this matter. The article can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/4ja3b874>.

We hope this information offers you reassurance regarding the safety of our school environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your peace of mind and your child's well-being are of paramount importance to us.

We look forward to welcoming year 7 pupils and Group A from Reception on Tuesday, 5th September and the remaining year groups on Wednesday, 6th September 2023.

Yours sincerely,

David Lucas

Executive Headteacher

Trinity Church of England School

Mr David Lucas - Executive Headteacher

PRIMARY PHASE

Leahurst Road, London SE13 5HZ Tel: 0208 325 4551

SECONDARY PHASE

Taunton Road, Lee, London SE12 8PD Tel: 0208 852 3191

admin@trinity.lewisham.sch.uk

www.trinitylewisham.org

