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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 and 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 be vacated.

We have had a number of surveys undertaken at Greenway over the past few years and to date we have neither received notification that we are impacted by RAAC or been advised that further investigation of this issue is required. The Local Authority records state that there is no known RAAC at Greenway.

Governors and I 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 <u>DfE on the Education Hub.</u>

I hope that this offers some reassurance.

Regards

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