



Achieving More Together

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Dear TKAT Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family had a relaxing summer break. I wanted to keep you informed about the emerging situation with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), and what we are doing as a Trust to identify and address any issues in TKAT schools and buildings. For all of us at TKAT, the safety of our students, our staff and everyone in our school community is paramount.

You will have seen the emerging stories in the press last week that schools and other public buildings throughout the UK may contain RAAC, and that in some situations the RAAC may be unsafe. Surveys are being carried out, and in some situations schools have been closed or partially closed. This is in order to put in place remedial measures so that the schools and the rooms can reopen safely.

We are working closely with the DFE to ensure appropriate action is taken swiftly and effectively. Surveys of all TKAT schools will be undertaken as a matter of course, with priority given to the schools where the presence of RAAC is considered a higher possibility. This is based on the dates of build or renovation work. The Trust has been in contact with all our schools this week to explain the next steps.

The DFE advice is that any school that potentially has RAAC can still operate as usual for now, so we expect all our pupils to attend school as normal. You will be hearing more about the Trust's focus on improving attendance this year because of the strong link for pupils between good attendance and good outcomes. If you are interested to read more about the RAAC situation, you can find the full DFE guidance on their Education Hub at

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/08/31/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/>

Once we know more about any planned inspections, we will let our schools know. Once and only when the inspections have been carried out, your school will be able to share more information with you and the whole school community about the results of the survey and what it means for your school. We will do whatever it takes to support our schools, our pupils, our staff, and our school communities.

I hope you can appreciate that there is not much more that your school can share with you at the moment. If you do have any further enquiries at this stage about RAAC, please could you direct them to enquiries@tkat.org. For any other matters, please get in touch with your school via the usual routes.

Yours sincerely,
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