

## **Update – RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) Construction in Schools**

Good morning,

I hope you have all had a good summer.

I am sure you will have seen in the media, articles about RAAC in schools so I am writing to reassure you that Norden CPS does not have RAAC and will be open as planned on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

We have received the following message from the council;

I would like to take the opportunity to update and reassure you that in 2021/2022 in its capacity of Responsible Body, RBC was advised of RAAC construction concerns by the DFE and was provided with initial guidance. This guidance was followed and Children's Services commissioned surveys at specific LA maintained schools, which, under this guidance, had the potential to have been of RAAC construction.

Building surveyors from the Council's Property Services Team completed surveys and confirmed in January 2022 that no RAAC construction was found.

This week, schools nationally, have been contacted directly by the DFE if they are affected by RAAC. Currently, we are not reporting that any Rochdale schools are affected by this issue. We are clear that all schools can open as planned for the start of the autumn term 2023.

I hope you have found this information reassuring and we look forward to welcoming all our children back next Wednesday.

Thank you

Take care

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Headteacher