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RAAC Update – June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to provide an update on the building situation regarding the Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) found on site earlier this academic year as part of a planned survey of the school.

We have been working with Birmingham City Council and the Department for Education (DfE) and it has been confirmed that the school remains safe in all areas apart from those where RAAC is present. The impacted areas included North and East Halls, East kitchen, four classrooms in East Building and two in West Building.

The Department for Education's guidance is that any areas where RAAC is present will need further, detailed surveys and pupils should not be in affected areas until these surveys have been completed and any necessary mitigations are in place. These are ongoing and I will communicate with you further when the works are complete.

As part of the mitigation works, six temporary classrooms are being provided on-site and work to install these is scheduled to take place beginning on the 1 July 2024 and lasting until August 2024. The temporary classrooms will be ready for pupil use by the start of the next academic year in September 2024.

From Monday 1 July 2024 until the end of the summer term, all pupils in Years 8 to 11 will need to enter and exit the school site via the 'Top Gate'. Due to construction traffic, the 'Technology Gate' will remain shut to pupils for health and safety purposes.

Please can I ask that you be considerate with parking when dropping and collecting your child from school and do not block residents' drives or park on the yellow zig-zag markings. Wherever possible, please can you encourage your child to walk to and from school to help relieve traffic pressures on Bromford Road.

If you would like to know more about the support to schools to safely manage RAAC, the Department for Education has published an article which is available at <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/10/19/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/>

We will continue to work closely with Birmingham City Council to get all teaching spaces back into use safely and will communicate with you further when these works are complete.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to our safe and secure learning environment next week.

Yours faithfully,



Hannah Herrmann
Headteacher