

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope your child enjoyed the summer break, and that they are looking forward to the next academic year ahead. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them back into school this week.

I am writing today to reassure you about recent developments you may be aware of regarding the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in some school buildings. As a precautionary measure, the Government has advised a number of schools across the country to temporarily close, due to concerns of building structure failure.

The Department for Education (DfE) has been collecting information about school buildings and reviewing data to identify any buildings that are at risk. Alongside this, our school's sponsor, Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), has been carefully reviewing school building conditions across the Trust, in line with Government approved RAAC guidance. **It is the view of both the DfE and OAT that our school building is not constructed using RAAC and there is therefore low risk.**

However, as the health and safety of our students and staff continues to be our absolute priority, OAT's expert estates team will of course continue to very closely monitor building conditions, and should there be any developments we will let you know straight away.

I hope this provides some reassurance in the meantime, but if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another positive academic year ahead for our academy.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Williams  
Principal  
Ormiston Rivers Academy