

## Winterton Community Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

You will no doubt be aware from the news that concerns have been raised around the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in public buildings, notably in schools. This has led to the speculation that schools may be at risk of closure as a result where RAAC is confirmed.

From the perspective of Winterton Community Academy, we have requested that a survey is taken as a precautionary measure. This has been commissioned by the DfE to enable structural engineers to visit educational settings to confirm whether they contain RAAC panels and if so, to assess the panels' condition.

This is merely a precaution in line with the national guidance to ensure that we are fulfilling our duty of care.

In the meantime, the school remains fully open and it is business as usual with all students expected to attend on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Please be reassured that the school building and all fixtures and fittings are frequently risk-assessed in line with the statutory guidance and there has been to date no identified cause for concern.

Once the survey has been completed, I will write and confirm that this has taken place and share any further information with you as is appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rowlands