



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RAAC Information and Reassurance

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in schools. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability.

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to schools on the management of RAAC, and as a result any schools with RAAC have been directed to stop using affected areas with immediate effect and put alternative provision in place. This has led to the full or partial closure of a number of schools across the country.

We have checked with Sandwell Council as well as carrying out our own internal checks using the DfE's guidance to schools on RAAC. I am pleased to say that we are not aware of any RAAC in our building at Uplands Manor. We are therefore able to continue to function as normal. We will of course remain vigilant to any risks and prioritise the safety of our community in all matters.

I hope that this offers reassurance about the safety of your children whilst at school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Dickinson".

Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher