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Dear parents and carers,

Many of you will undoubtedly be aware of the national situation surrounding Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC); a building material that was frequently used in the construction of a variety of buildings between the 1950s - 1990s. Discussion around the presence of RAAC in regards to schools has been in the media recently and I would like to take this opportunity to put the minds of all our students, staff, parents and carers at The Whitstable School at ease with this situation.

You may be aware from media coverage that the government has asked some schools to close or partially close due to the presence of RAAC in their school buildings. Swale Academies Trust has commissioned qualified, structural surveyors to undertake thorough RAAC checks in all of our schools. I'm happy to inform you that The Whitstable School does not contain RAAC and is fully safe to be open.

As a Trust, we believe that the safety of our students, staff and visitors is paramount and we understand that the conversations surrounding RAAC in the media may have been quite unsettling and led you to wonder about the safety of buildings in your child's school but I hope this provides reassurance to all of you.

We look forward to your child settling into Term 1 of this new academic year and wish them the best in all their academic endeavours.

If you have any questions, please contact The Whitstable School in the first instance.



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