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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. The Royal Borough of Kingston (RBK) is in the process of actively checking whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of the schools in the area.

As part of this work, a survey of our 1960s building (The Annex) has taken place. The majority of the building was re-built in 2011, including all the classrooms. The hall space is the older part of the building. It has been decided that further investigations will take place in the hall and on the hall roof. This is primarily because it was not possible for the surveyors to fully access and view one of the areas without contractors being engaged to open a part of the structure. The survey will be undertaken on Tuesday 19th September. We would like to be clear that at this stage RAAC has not been confirmed as present.

As a precautionary measure, we are taking the hall in The Annex building out of use until the access and exploratory works have been completed and the resulting report has been received by the end of next week. If the report identifies RAAC as being present, the hall will continue to remain out of use and we will work with the council, following the advice of the specialists, to undertake any necessary remedial actions.

We would like to reassure you that the Year 5 and 6 classrooms, ICT Suite, corridors and entrances have been assessed and there are no concerns of the safety of this part of the building. They are also a safe distance from the older parts of the 1960s build. The classrooms will remain open and in use.

We want to reassure you we will always prioritise the safety of children and staff and as soon as we are in a position to provide you with further information we will do so.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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