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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, a number of schools in Essex were built with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). Cann Hall is one of those schools, however remedial works were undertaken in the 2000s.

The Department for Education had advised after the summer that we did not need to undertake any further actions. However, we have since been contacted by the DfE who, in light of new information, have asked us to arrange a further survey of the remedials, which took place today.

Following advice from the technical expert who attended school today, we were advised to relocate children in class 1B as a precautionary measure so that we can ensure that an area around two sky lights can be remediated further. The children were incredibly sensible, and enjoyed their afternoon sitting on the bigger chairs in year 6. Thank you to the parents and carers for your understanding when collecting your children after school today.

We have arranged a temporary solution to this this afternoon, in accordance with the technical advice, in order that the classroom can be safely reoccupied from tomorrow, and until the longer term solution can be put in place.

We have also been advised to put temporary solutions in place in 1G and the two year 2 and two year 3 classrooms, but children in these classes did not need to be relocated this afternoon as their sky lights were installed in a different position to those in 1B. The temporary solution for these 5 classrooms will also be in place by the end of today.

The technical advisor has assured us that this remains low risk and is simply a precautionary measure.

Our understanding at the moment is that the rest of the school remains unaffected. In the meantime your child should continue to attend school as usual.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Sarah Crookes