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To all Parents and Carers of
Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

We are sure you will have seen the headlines in the news over the last couple of days regarding RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete), more details on which can be found [here](#) on the Department for Education website.

While the headlines yesterday were new and unexpected, local authorities and schools have been carrying out assessments and building work on buildings that contain this material since 2018 to make sure their buildings are safe. In the vast majority of cases, the necessary structural surveys, maintenance, and reinforcements have already been put in place. This type of work takes place in all school buildings regardless of the materials they were constructed with.

Across Anglian Learning, we have a rigorous process in place to assess the safety, maintenance work, and lifespan of all our buildings and an investment and building plan to improve all our buildings and keep them safe.

One block (E Block, the English and Modern Foreign Language learning space) within Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport was previously identified as containing RAAC. However, significant and extensive reinforcement work had already taken place over the summer holiday to ensure this building is safe for the start of the term and structural engineers have today confirmed that this remedial work addresses the concerns raised in the last few days by Department for Education (DfE). This information has been shared with the DfE and with Essex Local Authority.

Therefore, all areas of the school will be opening as planned and we are looking forward to welcoming all pupils next week for the start of the term.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer

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