

**Notice for SCC maintained schools – 5 September 2023**  
**Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in school buildings**

We understand that the recent news regarding the historic use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in school buildings will be of concern to you and we wanted to contact you to let you know what we are doing to support you on this issue.

Concerns about RAAC were first brought to our attention in 2019 by the DfE. This led to a survey of building records and designs that was undertaken by Concertus on behalf of the council. That survey supported our understanding of which schools in Suffolk may have had RAAC used in their construction. The survey identified a number of schools that were subsequently contacted at that time to discuss the presence of RAAC. These schools have since then been following the guidance to mitigate the risk that RAAC presents.

However, given the most recent update to the DfE guidance and findings, we are reviewing our survey work to ensure that we have the most up-to-date records. This will allow us to assure ourselves, your school and the wider community that RAAC is not an issue in Suffolk maintained schools. If we believe there is a need to do any further visual or intrusive surveys at your school, we will be in touch as soon as possible to make arrangements. This does not necessarily mean that your school has RAAC present, we are simply checking our initial findings to give us greater confidence levels.

In the meantime, if you have any immediate concerns that your school does have RAAC as part of the building structure as referenced in the latest guidance (available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reinforced-autoclaved-aerated-concrete-estates-guidance>) please do not hesitate to let us know by contacting [schools@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:schools@suffolk.gov.uk) and we will support you with undertaking a visual inspection and arranging a subsequent survey, if required, as soon as possible.

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