



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you all back as we embark on a new academic year. Across our trust, we eagerly look forward to the return of your children to school this week.

You may have come across recent media reports regarding potential concerns about school buildings related to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). We want to assure you that the Department for Education (DfE) is actively working with multi-academy trusts in addressing these concerns.

As a Trust, we conducted preliminary building surveys in 2022 across all our schools. We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. However, prioritising safety, we are currently working with the DfE, and a company called Surveyors to Education to actively check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings. These more detailed investigations will take place during the autumn term.

We understand the apprehension this may cause, but please be assured that the safety of your children and our staff is our top priority. Any contingency plans we develop will prioritise the uninterrupted delivery of education, and if RAAC is identified, we will ensure minimal impact on our pupils. Rest assured, the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff remain paramount to us all.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us via email: CEO@uttl.com.

Best wishes

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Kerry Rochester
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