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Dear parents and carers,

I wrote earlier in the week regarding RAAC in our schools and at that point we believed that we had no RAAC identified from our 2023 condition survey.

Unfortunately, we have now further information, and there is RAAC at John Mason School.

The Department for Education (DFE) guidance is very clear that where RAAC has been identified, schools should restrict access to those spaces and restrictions must remain in place until mitigation has taken place.

We have been in urgent contact with the DFE. We are waiting on their guidance as to the next steps.

In the meantime, we are closing the school on Monday, while we explore how to ensure education for students can be provided effectively, and to ensure that the RAAC concerns are addressed.

We understand that this information is coming to you very late for making arrangements for school on Monday, and I apologise for this. The information only became known to us today.

As soon as we have further information regarding the DFE's advice to us and next steps to mitigate the presence of RAAC, I will write to you.

Mr West, Headteacher, will be in contact regarding school arrangements for students' education from Tuesday onwards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Fiona Hammans
CEO
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