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Dear Parents and Carers,

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We are very much looking forward to meeting our new Year 7 and Year 12 pupils tomorrow, Wednesday 6th September, and I would like to remind you that details of the start times and entry gates for all of our pupils can be found <u>here</u> on our school website.

Given the recent media coverage of the safety of some of the country's school buildings I wanted to let you know about the situation here at Greenshaw.

## **RAAC Update**

You may have read or heard about Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces have been required to be vacated.

However, I wanted to reassure you that our school is not affected by this issue. We do not have RAAC in any of our buildings, and therefore they will continue to function as normal.

Should any parents want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub via this link article on the Education Hub.

I hope that this offers reassurance and we can all focus on the welcome return of pupils to school and their learning. We are all really looking forward to seeing your children over the coming days.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N House Headteacher