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Dear Parent / Carer

**RE: SOUTH DARTMOOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SCHOOL BUILDINGS UNAFFECTED BY RAAC**

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding 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 will be vacated.

I am pleased to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings. Therefore, we will continue to function as normal and we look forward to welcoming back Year 7 and 10 students on Wednesday, Year 8, 9 and 11 students on Thursday and Sixth Form students on Friday.

If you wish to know more about RAAC and its management, there is an article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

I hope that this offers reassurance and we look forward to seeing your child later this week.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Veal'.

Mrs J Veal
Executive Head teacher

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