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Dear Parents and Carers,

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. 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.

We appreciate the concern this may raise, and we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision and therefore Newcastle Academy will remain open.

We hope that this offers reassurance, and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school next week.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs N Bromley-Smith

Principal

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