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School Premises Update

Dear parent / carer,

There are a few things happening around school regarding this fantastic old building of ours so we thought it best to update you with a few key points.

RAACs (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)

We had a full in depth inspection made of the school premises before the summer break by an external company, Mott MacDonald, who were able to confirm that **there is no RAAC within our school**. Only one school within North Tyneside was found to have any of this lightweight concrete and remedial action was taken over the summer to replace it.

Roof and Windows

We are awaiting a full replacement of the school roof and windows which will hopefully take place during the summer of 2024 although this is yet to be confirmed. A new roof and windows are needed solely because the current ones are old and when we get heavy rain we are vulnerable to a little ingress of water in some parts of school.

Trees

We have all of the trees on site inspected every year and react according to the outcome. The last inspection identified trees for further pollarding which was completed during the summer break.

Lockdown and Fire Alarms

It is a requirement that school has identified procedures for both fire alarms / drills and for various different lockdown scenarios (full and partial). We will be informing pupils over the coming weeks of our lockdown procedures and will then be testing them and analysing to ensure their effectiveness. We will endeavour to make this as stress-free as possible for all pupils and will turn it into a game for the younger children. Parents will be notified on the day we undertake the lockdown so that if your child is distressed in any way, you will have an idea of why.

We continue to leave no stone unturned in ensuring that our school is a safe and welcoming place to be for everyone. If anything in this letter raises any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will be happy to speak with you.

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