

# VAUXHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Article 29

*'Education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.'*

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Subject: RAAC Surveys

Dear Parents/Carers,

Lambeth has been contacted by the Department of Education regarding concerns arising from the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) which was commonly used in construction between the 1950s and mid-1990s. Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) is a lightweight, 'bubbly' form of concrete and is mostly found as precast panels in floors, roofs, cladding and wall construction in UK.

Concerns have been highlighted about the structural integrity of RAAC panels after 30 years and it is recommended that surveys be carried out to determine if RAAC is present and establish its condition.

Following a review of the asset information held by Lambeth on schools, our school has been identified as one of the schools that may have been built or refurbished between the 1950s and mid-1990s. We would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are not aware of any immediate risk as Lambeth Council recently undertook building condition surveys and have carried out a desk top review for assurance.

However, having completed stage 1a of the DfE process our school requires a visual inspection for assurance purposes. Lambeth Council has appointed a firm of Engineers, Sir Frederick Snow & Partners

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Yours sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher

For and on behalf of Vauxhall Primary School

