

4th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing, to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering patience and understanding during the recent site safety assessment that was conducted at The Appleton School. Your support and cooperation have been invaluable as we worked diligently to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community.

At The Appleton School, the safety and welfare of our students have always been our utmost priority, and we spare no effort in maintaining a secure environment conducive to learning. I understand that the temporary disruptions caused by the recent RAAC assessments, conducted by the Department for Education will have been inconvenient for you and your children, and I want to assure you that every decision made during this process was made with the safety and best interests of our students in mind. Our dedicated team of professionals, including our maintenance staff and external experts, worked tirelessly to thoroughly evaluate and address any potential safety concerns.

Following a further inspection of our site, conducted by independent surveyors, commissioned by the school and Trust, I am delighted to inform you that the school is free of the previously suspected RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) which had been reported by the DfE in early September. This wonderful news means that all specialist teaching areas will be available for our school community as it has been confirmed that there is NO RAAC present. Our staff will use the next few days to reassemble these teaching areas ready to **welcome all students back to school on site from Monday 9th October**. Additionally, C1, the Main Hall and the PE changing rooms will be available from Thursday 5th October, so students will no longer need to wear PE kit on the days they have PE lessons.

I would like to pay tribute to our young people, as the resilience and patience displayed by our school community during these challenging times have been truly remarkable. Your support is a testament to the strong bond we share in providing the best educational experience for our students. Their well-being, both physically and emotionally, remains our number one priority.

As we move forward, I want to assure you that we will continue to monitor and maintain the safety of our school premises rigorously. We are committed to ensuring that your children can learn, grow, and thrive in

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a secure and nurturing environment.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and unwavering support during this period. Together, we can provide a safe and enriching educational experience for our students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Cox', written in a cursive style.

Ms S Cox
Headteacher