



East Tilbury Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a safe and enjoyable summer. We want to tell you about important developments at our school. Our school leaders have been talking to the Department for Education (DfE) about a safety issue in the school building. This is about RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete), which you may have read about in the press.

During the Summer term, we've been working on this issue to make sure our school is safe for everyone and we informed you of the measures we put in place to keep your children safe. However, in some other buildings that the DfE knows about (**not** East Tilbury Primary School), there were parts with RAAC that unexpectedly failed.

Because of this, the DfE has changed their rules about RAAC, and are now saying that any parts of schools or buildings where RAAC is found, even if the RAAC seems okay, must be closed right away. This is to ensure that everyone remains safe.

So, starting from today, 1st September 2023, **some parts** of our school will be closed to comply with the new rules from the DfE to keep your children, the staff and all the people who are part of our school community safe.

We want you to know that going forward, we are planning to work on different parts of the school to make sure everyone is safe. We will be checking everything carefully and will begin working on addressing the issues. We want to make sure that when your children come back, everything will be as safe as it should be. We have created new spaces for learning for classes that are impacted by the closure of different areas across our school. These changes are as follows:

Year 1 pupils will move in to the EYFS block to share with the Reception classes.

Year 2 pupils will be relocated to the sports hall.

4CP will move to the spare classroom by the Year 6 pupils.

4JP will move to the spare classroom by the Year 5 pupils.

Years 3, 5 and 6 remain unaffected by these changes.

If you have any questions or if something doesn't make sense, please contact us; we're here to help you understand and feel comfortable.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this challenging time.

Kind regards

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