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Dear Parents/Carers/Staff,

I am writing to inform you that I have, this afternoon, had confirmation that Winter Gardens Academy has been identified as a school that will be **rebuilt** due to the Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) that now needs to be removed from the building. Currently we have mitigations in place to ensure the building is deemed safe to be used. However, long term, the Department of Education need to remove the RAAC from all buildings that contain this material.

I have been assured by the Department of Education that there will be minimal disruption to pupil learning as the new school will be rebuilt on the school field while the current building will still be in use for pupils and staff (until the new building is ready to be utilized). The Department of Education are hoping to rebuild all schools in the Schools Rebuild Programme within the next five years.

We are at very early stages of discussion around this rebuild and there is no further information at this time. I will communicate with you again once more is known.

Many thanks,



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