

RAAC – Guidance for Representatives

Issues around reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) were raised in the autumn and summer term Health and Safety Bulletins (available on the Health and Safety page of the NASUWT Website - <https://www.nasuwt.org.uk/advice/health-safety.html>).

The situation has now developed further, with schools with confirmed RAAC instructed to close affected areas until made safe. The DfE guidance can be found at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1182011/Guidance_for_responsible_bodies_and_education_settings_with_confirmed_RAAC.pdf.

NASUWT Representatives should, as a matter of urgency, speak to employers/schools and ascertain/ensure that:

- the school/employer has responded to the DfE RAAC questionnaire;
- there is confirmed RAAC on the school site(s), and if so that the affected areas are out of bounds until certified as safe by an appropriate person (usually a structural surveyor);
- there is suspected RAAC on school site(s) and, if so, what the timescale will be for it to be inspected, and if any mitigations will be put in place in the interim;
- if pupils are to be educated off-site, the appropriate risk assessments are in place for any premises/arrangements, and that the arrangements have been workload impact assessed;
- if pupils are to be taught remotely, the arrangements are consistent with NASUWT expectations over remote learning (further details are available at <https://www.nasuwt.org.uk/advice/health-safety/coronavirus-guidance/arrangements-for-remote-teaching-learning-support.html>).

If NASUWT Representatives have any concerns over the response from a school/employer, this should be raised with your Local Association Secretary or National Executive Member as appropriate.

Please also report any confirmed or suspected cases of RAAC to nasuwt@mail.nasuwt.org.uk with the school details.