

Along with other Scottish local authorities, North Ayrshire Council recently completed a review of all 65 buildings within the school estate to identify any presence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC).

This review has prioritised education premises and is ongoing across the remainder of the Council's wider property estate.

The work has identified the presence of RAAC in only one location within the entire school estate - the PE Block within Ardrossan Academy - which is separate to the main building. The report from our structural engineers confirmed that there were no immediate safety concerns, and a further intrusive inspection was commissioned to provide additional assurance that annual monitoring would be sufficient.

We continue to follow advice from our independent structural engineers, relevant professional and regulatory bodies, and the Scottish Government on the matter.

As a precaution, in light of the events elsewhere in the UK in recent days, we have opted to restrict access to the PE Block within Ardrossan Academy temporarily pending completion of the further inspection.

All children are currently attending Ardrossan Academy as normal, with alternative arrangements for PE provision in place.

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