

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely start to the academic year, a beautiful sunny week in which to welcome all of our fabulous children back to school.

A huge FA1 welcome to our Reception and Nursery class children who are starting school for the very first time. How exciting for them as they start their journey with us.

It is an extra special welcome to the staff and pupils at St. George's C of E Primary School, Mossley, who officially became a Forward As One school on 1st September 2023. We look forward to welcoming their families to our Trust events - look out for our virtual Trust Worship and regular trust newsletters where all dates will be shared.

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RAAC

You may be aware from media coverage that the government has asked some schools to close or partially close due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in their school buildings. We understand that this is an unsettling news story and that it may naturally have led you to wonder about the safety of our school buildings. Good news - RAAC has not been found in any of our Forward As One Schools.

We confirmed this using a professional surveyor after the government asked all schools to check their buildings for RAAC in the last few years. We ensured that St. George's was surveyed following conversion this week and that again, no RAAC was found.

I've had the pleasure of visiting our schools this week and have been delighted to see the achievements of the staff who have worked hard over the summer holidays to make sure that their classrooms are warm, inviting and attractively displayed in order to give their children a flying start, and our caretakers and cleaners who have made sure that the school grounds and buildings are clean and tidy. I know that you will join me in thanking them all.

Best wishes,

Karen Bramwell

Chief Executive Officer