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<p>An email was sent from the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Department of Education on December 5 2018 to all local authorities to “draw attention” to a “building failure” involving a property constructed with RAAC. It suggested steps that local authorities should take the following steps:</p> <p>"(1) identify any properties constructed using Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and validate the potential risk appropriately (2) consider and monitor the possible impact of reduced maintenance regimes on the condition of your property portfolio, in particular where RAAC is used."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please disclose any action taken and/or findings made as a result of this email regarding point 1. This could include any surveys, studies or reports commissioned to identify properties constructed using RAAC and their results, including which properties were found to contain RAAC, and the potential risk that was assessed. b. Please disclose any action taken and/or findings made as a result of this email regarding point 2. This could include any buildings in your property portfolio that you identified as having been built with RAAC that had “reduced maintenance regimes”. 2. Please disclose copies of any reports, surveys, briefings or studies concerning the presence of RAAC in your property portfolio after this email from December 5 2018. 3. If you replied to this email from the LGA, or forwarded it to another member of staff internally, please disclose the subsequent email chains. 4. Please disclose any other actions taken as a result of this email, if not included above. 	
<p>RESPONSE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A desktop assessment was conducted in March 2019 to assess potential risk of the presence of RAAC, in the schools that the council is responsible for within the borough. Risk was found to be low. In December 2019 a more detailed desktop survey was carried out identifying 15 areas within schools where a visual inspection for the presence of RAAC was then carried out. The visual inspections were carried out in January 2020. No RAAC was found. b. No school buildings have reduced maintenance regimes. 2. No RAAC has been found in the schools that the council is responsible for within the borough to date. 3. The email was received and dealt with by the recipients. 4. Wigan council have an ongoing detailed intrusive survey being undertaken to document the presence of RAAC within its buildings. To date no RAAC has been found. 	