



# CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

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## Closure of Gym Facilities Due to Remedial Work

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday, Renfrewshire Council contacted you to inform you that following a second phase of investigation, Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) was discovered in the gym's, games hall and fitness suite area in our school. It was also confirmed that there was no further RAAC present in our school, and we have confirmation that the school is safe for pupils and school staff.

Structural engineers advised the council and school that there are no concerns about the condition of the roofs, but we took the decision to close the gyms, games hall and fitness suite.

Yesterday afternoon, remedial work began on these areas. But this work may take a number of months.

This week, PE classes have been unable to participate in physical activity, but we are currently planning arrangements for next week onwards.

From Monday, we will have changing facilities in the school available. This will allow classes to participate outdoors in physical activity. Along with this, we are working with the local authority on providing alternative indoor arrangements for PE classes at some of Renfrewshire's sports facilities. This will involve transporting our pupils by bus to those facilities where our pupils will participate in the activities they would normally be in school while the remediation work is being carried out. This transport will be by bus and a member of staff will accompany our pupils to and from these facilities to continue with their education in PE. Risk assessments will be carried out on each route and registers will be taken during the process to ensure that all pupils are present.

Next week, PE staff members will be informing pupils of the details around each lesson so that pupils are prepared to participate.



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I would ask that parents/carers discuss timekeeping for PE lessons with your child to ensure that pupils are on time for any transport so that there are no delays in the service. I would also ask that if pupils are participating outdoors, that they are prepared with the appropriate clothing. If any parent/carer requires support with this, please contact your child's Pupil Support teacher.

We appreciate the disruption to PE lessons this week has been frustrating for some of our young people, but I hope you have been assured that the safety of our pupils and staff is a priority and this plan for PE will allow us to deliver the appropriate curriculum experience for our young people.

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies  
Head Teacher



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