

Press Statement

4th September 2023

School temporarily relocates over concrete concerns

RAAC was found to be located in the roof of part of Corpus Christi School on the Junior site. After taking professional advice, and to minimise any risk to pupils and staff, the school decided it would be necessary to relocate the Juniors from the Trent Road site. This would allow the necessary structural work that must now be undertaken in the next few months without disrupting children's learning. The school's priorities will always be to maintain the safety of the children and staff and to maintain the continued education of the children.

The school is working closely with the Archdiocese of Southwark, Lambeth Local Authority and the Department for Education, and has engaged specialist engineers to resolve the issue. All options are being explored at present and it has been confirmed that any works will be taking place as soon as possible.

'We are extremely grateful to Lambeth Local Authority and to the board of St Martin in the Field Girls School who are willing to accommodate us on a temporary basis within two self-contained blocks.'

Staff are now preparing the new site to provide a welcoming start at the beginning of term, and we are delighted that we will be able to deliver face-to-face learning. It is a challenge to all in the school community, but that challenge will be met and the school has welcomed all the support it has received from parents, staff and the various education bodies.

Notes:

1. Corpus Christi Catholic School, Trent Road, London, SW2 5BL
Co-Headteachers: Mrs Jean Connery and Mr Robert Coyle

School Business Manager: Ms S Ruiz

2. Corpus Christi Catholic School is a single school primary academy for 420 pupils, 3-11 year old. www.corpuschristischool.co.uk
3. The school is situated in the Archdiocese of Southwark and Lambeth Local Authority
4. The Department for Education have specialist teams supporting schools with this issue and action is being taken on the advice of specialist engineers.