

03 October 2023

Dear

**ATISN 18925 - FOI Request:**

Thank you for your request which I received on 6 September 2023.

**Your request:**

*Under the Freedom of Information Act, can I please be given the material provided to the Welsh government as referred to in a statement by the Education Minister Jeremy Miles here: <https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-reinforced-autoclaved-aerated-concrete-raac-education-establishments-wales>*

*He said: "Last night (Sunday) at 18.57, the UK Government sent some of the evidence that we have repeatedly requested. It is hugely regrettable that the evidence that has apparently been developed over the summer has been withheld until the night before the first day back of term. It is also incomplete, leaving us without the full rationale for the DfE's sudden policy change towards the management of RAAC in schools"*

*I'm interested in the evidence provided at 18:57 on Sunday, 2 September.*

**Our response:**

Following your request, the information requested was assessed and it was noted that it was provided in confidence, and marked as such, by the UK Government's Department for Education (DfE). I have, therefore, decided that the information described above is exempt from disclosure under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act and is therefore withheld. As the covering correspondence and evidence provided was all marked as confidential there was a reasonable expectation that the information would remain confidential.

**Next steps:**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:  
Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ  
or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely