



Good Estate Management Guidance for Schools and Responsible Bodies

Good estate management is essential in helping schools to deliver effective education in a safe, comfortable, well-maintained and sustainable environment. DfE is committed to support schools and responsible bodies (RBs) to manage their school estate effectively and meet their legal duties.

Resources

Below is a list of resources that schools and responsible bodies should find useful when maintaining their buildings:

- [Condition Data Collection 2 \(CDC2\) programme](#) - sets out the methodology, purpose, benefits and limitations of the CDC2 programme.
- [Good Estate Management for Schools \(GEMS\)](#) - sets out advice, standards and tools which can be used to manage the school estate effectively.
- [Managing Asbestos in Your School or College](#) - sets out advice, support, and resources to help manage asbestos in schools and comply with legal duties under the [Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012](#).
- [Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete in Roofing in Schools](#) - sets out how you can identify and take action if reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) is found in roofs. Further information on RAAC can be found on the CROSS (Collaborative Reporting for Safer Structures) website - [Failure of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete \(RAAC\) planks \(cross-safety.org\)](#)
- [Concrete Cladding - Monitoring Building Condition](#) - provides guidance on managing concrete cladding. (The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government published [Building Safety Advice for Building Owners, Including Fire Doors](#), which includes advice on Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding).
- [Academies Financial Handbook](#) For academy trusts, this handbook provides an overarching framework for implementation of effective financial management and control, and, from summer 2021, will include a new section on trusts' responsibilities in managing their schools' estate.