

Monday 6th July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Update on Radon Gas monitoring at Sexey's School – July 2026

Further to our previous update in March 2026, we would like to provide you with further information regarding the ongoing Radon Gas monitoring programme at Sexey's School and the continued progress that is being made with mitigation works across the site.

Summary:

The latest monitoring results reviewed by the independent Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA) for the monitoring period 28/11/2025 to 02/03/2026 show that Radon Gas levels have continued to improve across many areas of the school following the installation of additional mitigation measures.

In particular, significant improvements have been seen in a number of buildings that had previously reported higher readings, and student accommodation areas continue to remain within acceptable levels. The independent RPA continues to confirm that there is no evidence of any immediate health risk to students or staff.

Whilst some areas of the school still require further improvements, the Trust continues to work closely with specialist contractors and the independent RPA to ensure that Radon Gas levels are reduced as far as reasonably practicable and that appropriate monitoring and control measures remain in place.

Update:

The latest monitoring programme has now been completed in line with advice provided by the independent RPA and the requirements of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017. Monitoring continues to take place across the school site using a large number of passive Radon Gas detectors positioned in key locations.

The most recent monitoring results over the period 28/11/2025 to 02/03/2026 show that mitigation measures installed across the school are continuing to have a positive effect in reducing Radon Gas concentrations in many areas. Significant improvements have been recorded within the Sports Hall and Swimming Pool areas, while student accommodation within Macmillan House continues to demonstrate consistently low and stable Radon Gas levels.

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A dormitory within Macmillan House that previously had elevated Radon levels has now been reduced further and is within the target range advised by the RPA. Other areas within the boarding accommodation continue to remain stable and suitable for their continued occupation.

Some locations within academic buildings continue to report Radon Gas levels above the target range established for areas of higher occupancy. The Trust is continuing to progress further mitigation works within these areas, this includes where appropriate making further enhancements to ventilation systems and additional specialist mitigation measures. Further mitigations have included areas in Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) and Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMS). Planning is at an advanced stage with these expected to be completed during the summer holidays alongside Lisbury Farmhouse.

Within the last few days, we have received further revised advice from the independent RPA that the Science 1 Classroom, that had been out of routine use whilst further mitigation works were completed, can re-open. A second Radon Gas Sump had been installed in that classroom and the RPA reports that this has had the positive impact we had hoped for. Science 1 will be re-opening for teaching without any access restrictions very soon - most likely at the start of the autumn term for timetabled lessons in September.

Rest assured the Trust will maintain a cautious approach going forward to ensure the continued wellbeing of staff and students whilst improvements are ongoing and expected to be completed by the summer.

The independent RPA has also completed a further site visit, which occurred in April, to review the placement of Radon Gas detectors across the school site to ensure that monitoring remains representative and reliable as the programme continues.

Overall, the latest results continue to demonstrate that the actions being taken by the School and Trust are having a positive impact and that Radon Gas risks at the school are being actively and carefully managed. Ongoing monitoring, mitigation works and practical control measures will remain in place to ensure that exposures remain as low as reasonably practicable.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) continue to be updated by the RPA regarding the ongoing work being undertaken and the progress that has been made to date.

Future steps:

The School and Trust will continue to undertake 3 monthly Radon Gas monitoring and progress additional mitigation measures where recommended by the independent RPA.



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Given the progress that has been made, going forward, future Radon Gas updates will be provided as recommended by the independent RPA in the event of any material change.

As before, if you do have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

communications@quantockedtrust.co.uk

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. We hope you are reassured that the School and Trust continue to work closely with the independent RPA, the HSE, specialist contractors and other experts to ensure the continued health and safety of students, staff and the wider school community.

Yours sincerely,

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