

Islington Public School

Works notification | 1 March 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Monday 26 February we arranged maintenance work after a storm, to dry out carpet in the hallway of Building B at Islington Public School.

During this work, the contractor noticed vinyl tiles underneath the carpet which were suspected to contain asbestos material but were not listed on the school's asbestos register. The area was immediately isolated from students and staff and an independent hygienist was engaged for testing and remediation advice. Testing confirmed the tiles contain asbestos.

Work to remove the vinyl tiles will be scheduled once licensed and accredited asbestos contractors are available.

While the tiles are undamaged, the area will remain cordoned off as a precaution until they can be removed.

Following this removal work, the hallway will be inspected by an independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate confirming the space can reopen.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

Work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation.

