

Salt Ash Public School

Works notification | 18 September 2023

Dear staff, parents and carers,

As communicated to you on August 24, School Infrastructure NSW will undertake measures to further reduce the risk to staff, students and visitors following recent PFAS testing at the school.

These new measures were based on recommendations from our independent contaminated land consultant and will build on the existing behavioural and administrative measures already in place to prevent students interacting with soil.

The new measures include installing synthetic turf as a dust suppression measure in areas on the site where turf coverage is currently difficult to maintain. This work will begin on Monday 18 September and is due to be completed in early Term 4.

It was also recommended that the sand in the sandpit should be covered and replaced more frequently. This measure will be carried out periodically.

Additionally, the recommendation to increase personal hygiene practices when carrying out lawn mowing, gardening and other maintenance activities on school grounds to reduce the potential spread of soil and dust, will be carried out when those activities are undertaken at the school.

These new measures are part of the school's ongoing PFAS risk management plan.

We are planning an information drop-in session at school for parents, carers, students and staff in Term 4 to hear from specialists as Q&A. We will communicate the details of this information session shortly.

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

If you have any questions, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482651 or email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

More information

- Fact sheets and resources on the PFAS Investigation Program are available on the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) website RAAF Base Williamstown PFAS contamination. If you have any questions about the PFAS Investigation Program, you can contact the EPA via engagement@epa.nsw.gov.au
- NSW Health information about PFAS (also known as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, PFOS and PFOA).

