

Dear staff, parents and carers,

The NSW Department of Education is continuing to monitor PFAS levels at Salt Ash Public School as part of the school's risk management plan.

In October 2023, we engaged independent contaminated land consultants to prepare a human health risk assessment. This was following the identification of slightly elevated levels of PFAS contamination in the sub-soil in the north-east corner of the playground, near the covered playground and the sandpit.

The human health risk assessment has been reviewed by the department alongside the independent consultants, with input from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and NSW Health.

The risk assessment has determined that the current levels of PFAS contamination that have been detected present a low risk of adverse health effects.

The assessment has found that the current risk management plan provides appropriate control actions to limit PFAS exposure.

As we indicated in [October 2023](#), controls such as additional personal hygiene practices when lawn mowing or gardening, replacing the sand in the sandpit annually, and a continued focus on student behaviour such as preventing digging, limits the risk of PFAS exposure for staff, students and visitors.

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

We will continue to organise regular, annual, or more frequent testing if required, and provide information to you on the PFAS levels at the school, as well as any further remediation work or safety measures to be implemented.

The risk management plan will continue to be followed, while the management of PFAS contamination will occur in strict accordance with work, health and safety laws, and NSW Health.

If you would like further information on PFAS you can contact the NSW EPA on 131 555, email [info@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@environment.nsw.gov.au) or visit <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program>

Anyone with further health questions about PFAS can also contact your local NSW Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055

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If you have any questions about PFAS remediation, planned works or safety measures, please contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651 or [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au).

All works notifications are also published on the SINSW website, on the [Salt Ash Public School webpage](#).