

Stockton Public School

Works notification | 4 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

While undertaking work to replace flooring at Stockton Public School after a water leak was detected, contractors discovered vinyl tiles suspected to contain asbestos underneath the existing carpet in a classroom in Building K (outside of school hours care building).

Testing confirmed the vinyl tiles, which were not listed on the school's asbestos register, contain bonded asbestos. This means they were attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement and other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk.

Following the find, the area was cordoned off and air monitoring was put in place. Work to remove the vinyl tiles has been scheduled for Saturday 13 April 2024.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and 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 independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The room will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before it is reopened.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

