

# Wallsend Public School

Works notification | 21 July 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are installing a new cubbyhouse in the playground at Wallsend Public School.

While digging trenches on Thursday 20 July 2023, fragments suspected to contain asbestos material were found in grounds in the garden area adjacent to the basketball court.

Work immediately stopped and, as a precaution, the area has been fenced off to keep anyone on site separate.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

An independent asbestos hygienist visited the site on the same day and removed the fragments found.

Testing was also conducted by the independent hygienist to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

If necessary, this area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the contractors will receive a clearance certificate before the cubbyhouse installation can continue.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

