

Wallsend Public School

Works notification | 27 July 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Further to the notification below, testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the fragments found in grounds in the garden area adjacent to the basketball court contain bonded asbestos. This means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The fragments were removed by an independent asbestos hygienist on Tuesday 25 July 2023 and the soil was covered with Geotech fabric.

The area was inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the contractors will receive a clearance certificate before the cubbyhouse installation continues. The trenches will be covered with concrete and the concrete pour is expected to take place at the end of this week.

The area will remain cordoned off until the cubbyhouse installation is completed.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

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.

