

Parramatta East Public School

Works notification | 3 April 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 21 March 2024, fragments of cement material suspected to contain asbestos were found in the grassed area at the south-east corner of the playground at Parramatta East Public School. The area was fenced off and made out of bounds.

Parramatta East Public School has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos in the ground. The fragments were found in an area listed on this plan.

On Friday 22 March 2024, an independent hygienist removed the fragments for testing. Testing confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which 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 or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk.

On Monday 25 March 2024, the area was inspected by an independent hygienist to ensure that there were no more fragments remaining. The school was then issued with a clearance certificate and the area has been reopened.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your co-operation during this important work.

