## Bexley Public School Works notification | 18 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Further to our notification on 23 September 2024, we would like to update you on the soil analysis results at Bexley Public School.

The test results found more fragments containing bonded asbestos in the ground of the affected areas.

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

We are currently in the process of engaging a specialised contractor to remove the hazardous materials from the school. We expect works to take place during the Autumn School Holidays in April 2025 to ensure there is no operational impact to students and staff.

The affected grass areas will remain out of bounds to students and staff until works are complete.

As an extra precaution, we will continue to perform air monitoring twice weekly until the area is fully remediated.

If you have any questions about this planned work, please contact us on the details below. Please note out community phone and email are staffed Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

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.

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## Notification issued on 23 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are writing to provide you with an update about upcoming soil analysis work at Bexley Public School.

Since notifying you on <u>20 August 2024</u> about the in-ground asbestos fragments, further inspections on 4 and 11 September found more fragments in the same areas – the play space north of Building A and sections of the oval.

After the additional fragments were found, the ground was sprayed with a binding agent and covered with 2 layers of geofabric material to secure the area and restrict fine soil particles from migrating.





Daily air monitoring is continuing and all results have been below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

All areas were fenced off on 12 August 2024 and remain out of bounds.

Soil analysis work is scheduled for 8 - 10 October and samples will be taken from these areas for testing.

Work will take place during the Spring School Holidays, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Additional safety measures will be in place while work is being done.

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.

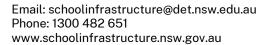
We will update the community on the findings.

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Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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