

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 8 April 2024, a window in the multipurpose hall, Building G, was damaged at Cardiff High School. As a precaution, the area was immediately cordoned off from students and staff so the window panel material could be tested for suspected asbestos and repaired accordingly.

Following this incident, an independent hygienist was engaged to conduct air monitoring and testing of the window panel sheeting.

Testing confirmed the material in the window panel contained bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement 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.

This area remained cordoned off from students and staff between Monday 8 April and Tuesday 9 April. Once air monitoring was completed, the window panel was secured by the contractor on Monday 8 April 2024. Following this, the panel material was removed outside of school hours on Tuesday 9 April 2024.

Work was carried out under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work started.

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.

On Tuesday 9 April, after the works were completed, the independent hygienist inspected the area and issued a clearance certificate to the school and the area was re-opened for use.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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