

# Notice of Asbestos Removal Work

As you are aware, asbestos was recently identified following a fire at the adjacent Titahi Bay Baptist Church. A programme of work has been scheduled to complete demolition of the fire damaged areas of the church including removal of the asbestos.

**RDL Group**, a licensed Asbestos Removalist (WorkSafe Class A Licence: number RA17030052) has been contracted to undertake removal of the Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs).

Works will commence on Monday 11 March 2019 and are expected to finish by Sunday 31 March 2019. The Contractors will be on site during the day however the removal of asbestos will only be conducted outside of school hours, commencing at **3.30pm each day on school days, and from 8am – 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays**. **We reiterate that during school hours, contractors will not be removing any asbestos.**

Titahi Bay Primary School management and board of trustees have been consulted about the nature and timing of this work, as have the Ministry of Education, Porirua City Council and WorkSafe NZ. The following safety measures will be put in place and maintained for the duration of the demolition project:

- Signs, barriers and temporary fencing will be installed. Media Filter cloth will be installed to fences and over top of the church roof as a dust protective for asbestos fibres.
- PVA solution or water will be applied to asbestos containing materials to prevent airborne asbestos fibres dust (as required).
- Asbestos containing material will be loaded into sealed wheelie bins within the removal enclosure, and waste loaded into a 2.5m high bin with a bolted locked lid. Waste will be removed from site outside of school hours, then transported to an approved landfill.
- RDL will conduct air monitoring at the site boundary for the duration of the work. The Ministry of Education will also be conducting air monitoring on the school boundary side. [Air monitoring confirms whether the airborne asbestos contamination standard has been exceeded and determines whether the control measures are effective](#). If asbestos fibres above the allowable safe limit are detected, work will cease immediately, WorkSafe NZ will be notified and corrective measures applied.
- [During asbestos removal, workers will be observed wearing white protective clothing and masks. Protective clothing is just one of the many control measures in place to protect the H&S of workers who are carrying out asbestos removal works. It is also a regulatory requirement.](#)
- The School community is asked to stay away from school grounds while asbestos removal is being carried out (take note of hours listed in red above).
- For those attending YMCA after school programmes, you will be required to access the School hall building using field access way. The driveway area will be out of bounds from 3.30pm-9.00pm daily and on weekends.

Information about the health risks of exposure to asbestos can be found on the Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/environmental-health/hazardous-substances/asbestos>.

If you have any questions or concerns about this removal work, please feel to contact [Kerry.delaney@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:Kerry.delaney@titahibay.school.nz) or Sarah Campbell [bot@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:bot@titahibay.school.nz)

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