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PARSONS GREEN SCHOOL, EDINBURGH

The following information request includes 'main' files and 'see references' files, draft letters, documents as well as e-mails, memos and minutes of meetings relating to the undernoted request. All references relate to the school and out-buildings at Meadowfield Drive, Edinburgh from 1990 to 1995:

1. Detailed reports made for any refurbishment work where the removal or repair of asbestos was necessary.
2. Detailed reports made for any repair work where the removal or repair of asbestos was necessary.
3. Detailed reports of risk assessments for refurbishment work to be carried out.
4. Detailed reports of risk assessments for repair work to be carried out.
5. Asbestos surveys.
6. Asbestos Registers.
7. Detailed reports of any remediation work that involved removing, covering or coating any asbestos products.

Please see attached MTS Survey 1990 for question 5.

Unfortunately, for the remaining questions we are unable to provide you with the information requested as it is not held by the Council. These reports pre-date the existence of the current City of Edinburgh Council, as at the time the area was run by Lothian Regional Council, and no existing records of this time period are held. The Council is therefore relying on the exception under regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Please note that this letter constitutes a formal notice under regulation 13 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

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ASBESTOS SURVEY

JOB NUMBER : MTSL 01301

CLIENT : LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

TIC No 2502

DATE RECEIVED : 20th July 1990

order no 093082

DATE ANALYSED : 24th July 1990

Est. £30.00
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REQUESTED BY : Mr W. Witherspoon

PROJECT : Asbestos survey of school premises

SITE : PARSONS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
60 MEADOWFIELD DRIVE
EDINBURGH

Ref no. 00216
Notes 136 W.N., ~1990

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TIC CODE : 2502

METHOD : Sampling in accordance with in house documented methods.

Bulk asbestos fibre identification by polarising microscopy and in house documented methods.

Air testing by the Health and Safety Executive Method for the Determination of Hazardous Substances : MDHS 39/2 : "Asbestos fibres in air" using phase contrast light microscopy and in house documented methods.

Bulk density analysis by in house documented methods.

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A. INTRODUCTION

An asbestos survey of Parsons Green Primary School, 60 Meadowfield Road, Edinburgh was carried out by MTS Healthcare Ltd on 20th July 1990. The survey was conducted by C B Boag, authorised hygienist for MTS Healthcare.

Samples were taken from materials suspected of containing asbestos and as confirmation that several other materials did not contain asbestos. Where boarding or sheeting was found, bulk density measurements were made to determine whether application under the 28 day rule was applicable.

Air testing was not carried out in any of the areas as the asbestos was in such a condition that no area was suspected of exceeding the Clearance Indicator concentration of 0.01 fibres/ml.

Access to all areas was available and thus we consider at this point that a full survey of the building has been performed within the constraints of Section B (page 4).

No annotated drawing of the area is enclosed as it is obvious from visiting the school the extent of the asbestos present.

B. DISCLAIMER

Whilst every care has been taken in conducting the survey and in the preparation of this report it is possible, however improbable that asbestos may be detected during major building works which is not included in this report.

Persons involved in planning construction work should be aware that the building was surveyed under occupied conditions and thus the limitations caused by this may be significant. No attempt has been made to determine whether asbestos materials are located within the deepest fabric of the building.

If materials are found which are not included in this survey as part of construction work, and are suspected of containing asbestos then work must stop immediately pending survey. Alternatively all such material should be treated as asbestos and disposed of accordingly.

It should be noted that bulk density analysis and all comments relating subjectively to the survey are outwith the company's NAMAS scope of accreditation.

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C. ANALYSIS OF BULK SAMPLES

Sample	Condition	Location	Result
06277	Good	Switch room, ceiling tiles	White asbestos (Chrysotile)
06278	Good	Boilerhouse, ceiling tiles	White asbestos (Chrysotile)
06279	Fair	Boilerhouse, left calorifier lagging	Brown asbestos (Amosite)
06280	Fair	Boilerhouse, right calorifier lagging	Brown asbestos (Amosite)
06281	Fair	Boilerhouse, pipework lagging	No asbestos detected (MMMF)
06282	Good	First floor, cloakroom ceiling tile	No asbestos detected (MMMF) Other Tiles are Asbestos
06283	Fair	Attic, ceiling lagging	No asbestos detected (MMMF)
06284	Poor	Attic, pipe lagging	No asbestos detected (MMMF)
06285	Fair	Attic, wall panels	White asbestos (Chrysotile)
06286	Good	lower ground floor, pipe box	No asbestos detected (Wood)
06287	Good	Gym hall, window mullions	No asbestos detected (Plaster)
06288	Good	Gym hall, ceiling tile	White asbestos (Chrysotile)
06289	Good	Main corridor, ceiling tile	No asbestos detected (MMMF) Other Tiles are Asbestos.
06290	Good	Store under room 18, ceiling	No asbestos detected (Plaster)
06291	Good	Store under room 18, pipe lagging	No asbestos detected (MMMF)
06292	Good	Kitchen, window mullion	No asbestos detected (Plaster)

Main corridor's, Towerblock, and throughout Property classroom Ceiling Tiles in good condition. Brown / White Asbestos.

Additional information written on Report by HW after Bulk Samples taken by City Analyst ~ 25/8/00.

~ August '00

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D. ANALYSIS OF AIR SAMPLES

No air samples were taken in the premises as it is unlikely that any of the asbestos materials present pose a situation where the clearance indicator limit of 0.01 fibres/ml will be exceeded.

E. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Asbestos, divided into construction forms, was found in the following areas :

1. Asbestos containing laggings

This was found exclusively in the boilerhouse on the two calorifiers. The material contains Brown asbestos (Amosite) and is in fair condition.

In its present condition the material requires no further treatment although it would be advisable to encapsulate it with an asbestos sealing paint. Regular inspections as to its condition should be conducted thereafter.

Should it become necessary to work with the lagging for any reason including removal this should only be performed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor adhering to the current codes of practice for work with asbestos : Approved Code of Practice (ACoP) "Work with asbestos insulation, asbestos coating and asbestos insulating board" : Health and Safety Executive : Revised March 1988.

The lagging material is subject to the 28 day notification period required by the Health and Safety Executive before commencing work and this should be allowed for in planning maintenance work.

After work with the material the area will require to be air tested to compliance with the Health and Safety Executive Method for the Determination of Hazardous Substances : MDHS 39/2 : "Asbestos fibres in air".

2. Asbestos containing sheeting

This was found in the following areas :

2.1 Ceiling panel in the switch room. The material contains White asbestos (Chrysotile), is in good condition and has a density of 2110kg/cu.m.

2.2 Ceiling tiles in the boilerhouse. The material contains White asbestos (Chrysotile), is in good condition and has a density of 1970kg/cu.m.

2.3 Wall panels in the attic. The material is mainly fibre board but has a thin skim of White asbestos (Chrysotile) on the surface, is in fair condition and has a density of 370kg/cu.m.

E. SUMMARY OF RESULTS (Continued)

2. Asbestos containing sheeting (Continued)

2.4 Ceiling panels in the gym hall. The material is mainly fibre board but has a thin skim of White asbestos (Chrysotile) on the surface, is in good condition and has a density of 410kg/cu.m.

In their present condition the materials require no further treatment. Regular inspections as to their condition should be conducted.

Should it become necessary to work with the sheeting for any reason including removal this should only be performed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor adhering to the current codes of practice for work with asbestos : Approved Code of Practice (ACoP) "Work with asbestos insulation, asbestos coating and asbestos insulating board" : Health and Safety Executive : Revised March 1988.

The material covered by (2.3) and (2.4) is subject to the 28 day notification period required by the Health and Safety Executive before commencing work and this should be allowed for in planning maintenance work.

After work with the material the area will require to be air tested to compliance with the Health and Safety Executive Method for the Determination of Hazardous Substances : MDHS 39/2 : "Asbestos fibres in air".