



# Marie Curie

## Newsletter

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## Works Required at Marie Curie

Thank you to all of you who attended last week's meeting where it was announced that because the works to your home will be extensive and take about a year to complete, you can either choose to move temporarily and move back to your home when the works are complete or move permanently. It is up to you.

The works that will be carried out to each home include:

- Kitchen renewal
- Bathroom renewal
- Internal electrics
- Smoke detection
- Floating floor renewal
- Internal partitions
- Internal fire door sets
- Compartmentation works
- Extract ventilation
- Renewal of residents flooring
- Redecoration of all rooms
- Window panel renewal

Since the announcement was made we have attempted to contact everyone to talk through the options. Thank you to every single one of you who have responded to our phone calls.

However there are just a few who have not responded to our calls. If you have still not contacted us yet, please can you ring the Marie Curie Team on **020 7732 2286** or **020 7732 2757** or email **mariecurie@southwark.gov.uk**. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Fire Wardens

Now that the automated fire alarms are now in place the Fire Wardens have been reduced to two during the day and three at night.

One will be permanently based at the bottom of the block to constantly monitor the fire alarm panel and their main role will be to ring the fire

brigade should the alarm go off and liaise with them on their arrival providing them with vital information such as the location of the fire, the evacuation of vulnerable residents etc.

The second warden, and at night the third warden, will patrol the block and their main role will be to help evacuate vulnerable residents.

What do you do in an evacuation?

- If there is a fire in your home, evacuate and call the fire brigade as soon as possible, when safe to do so
- Tell the nearest fire warden on the way out
- If the communal alarm goes off in your home, you have to evacuate to the assembly point
- No one will knock on your door to tell you to evacuate. When you hear the alarm, leave your property
- The wardens are only there to help evacuate the vulnerable residents who need help

Should you believe that you or a member of your household require added assistance to evacuate in the event of a fire, please contact the Fire Safety Team by emailing them at: **FRA@southwark.gov.uk** for a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) to be completed.

## Residents Project Team

We are delighted that a growing number of residents have shown an interest in joining the Residents Project Team to date.

In the coming weeks, we are hoping to begin consultation, and will be inviting those already involved to online meetings as we progress onto the next stage of this works scheme, and prepare for the wider Quality Homes Investment Plan works to the estate.

Please contact Neal Purvis from Open Communities if you would like to be part of the

project team. You can contact Neal, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on **0800 073 1051**.

### Housing update

All residents in Marie Curie will have to leave their homes while their blocks are renovated. Residents have the choice to move either permanently or temporarily.

If you choose to move permanently and are registered for re-housing, you should note that properties are not allocated according to the time you bid. They are allocated by our colleagues in the allocations team according to Southwark Council's lettings policies. Marie Curie council tenants are in Band One, and the properties are allocated by how many stars each applicant has, then by application date and finally by your tenancy date.

If you need help with bidding or need assistance to register, help is available 24 hours a day on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757**. The team can also help you to amend your application. This could include updating your medical needs or updating your household members or the inclusion of additional priority stars through paid or voluntary work.

### Leaseholder Questions

Following the residents meeting on 26 May 2021, we are planning to hold a separate meeting for just our resident and non-resident leaseholders in the coming weeks to talk through your concerns and the options available to you.

In the meantime if you have any queries please get in touch with us on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757** or you can also email [mariecurie@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:mariecurie@southwark.gov.uk). We can capture any queries you have that we can then answer in the meeting we will be holding.

### Step 3 restrictions

From Monday 17 May 2021 England moved into Step 3 of the Government's Roadmap out

of lockdown.

This means:

- Groups of up to 30 can meet outdoors
- Rule of 6 indoors
- Indoor hospitality opens (e.g. pubs and restaurants)
- Indoor entertainment opens (e.g. cinemas)
- Increasing numbers for life events like weddings and removal of restrictions for funerals

It remains essential that we take these steps carefully and sensibly. If you plan to travel do so safely and plan ahead. You should continue to wear a mask where required (unless exempt), wash hands and maintain social distancing when out in public.

**STEP 3**

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.

 Indoor entertainment and attractions.	 30 person limit outdoors. Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).	 Domestic overnight stays.
 Organised indoor adult sport.	 Indoor hospitality.	 Most significant life events (30).
 Remaining accommodation.	 Most significant life events (30 people). Indoor events: 1,000 people or 50% capacity. Outdoor events: 4,000 people or 50% capacity. Large seated outdoor venues: 10,000 people or 25% capacity. Pilots continue.	 Domestic overnight stays. International travel (subject to review).

To see how this will impact council services please go to [www.southwark.gov.uk/roadmap](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/roadmap) for more information.

For more information on the current restrictions see the government website at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) or you can see what council services are affected at [www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus).

### Help us Keep Southwark Safe

If you think, you **have** any of the COVID-19 symptoms you and anyone living with you should self-isolate immediately and book a

test by calling 119 or visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

Symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

If you have symptoms, you and anyone you live with **must** stay at home and self-isolate until you get your results. It is now a legal requirement to self-isolate if you have had a positive test or if you are told to self-isolate by the national test and trace service.

If you think self-isolating could be difficult for any reason support is available. Visit the council's website for more information [www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus).



## Keep testing

One in three people could be carrying the COVID-19 virus without showing any symptoms. As part of coming out of lockdown safely everyone should be getting tested regularly – even if they don't have symptoms. Home tests are now available for FREE to every household in the UK.

There are a number of ways you can get a test:

- There are now 45 community pharmacies in Southwark offering home test collection, including 10 who offer assisted testing. The map below shows all the current provision: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- Tests can also be collected from 9 Southwark libraries – you can find the list at

[www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/community-collect](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/community-collect)

- Home delivery is available for home testing – to apply go to [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)
- There are two mass testing sites at London Bridge and Peckham
  - London Bridge Station, St Thomas Street Exit, SE1 9QU
  - 21-23 Bournemouth Road, Peckham, London, SE15 4UJ

Tests can also be booked at [www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/mass-testing?](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/mass-testing?)

## Fire Safety Team

If you wish to contact the Fire Safety Team for information on fire safety relating to your block you can contact them via [FRA@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:FRA@southwark.gov.uk).

## Marie Curie Repairs

All repairs for Marie Curie should be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**.

Repairs can also be reported by email at [repairs@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:repairs@southwark.gov.uk).

## Mail Order Deliveries – Keeping Corridors Clear

Please remember that corridors must be kept clear at all times. If you are shopping online you should ensure that there is someone at home to take in your parcels as they can't be left on the communal landings.

## Escape Routes in Properties

As you will know, in every property in Marie Curie there are four escape routes for residents to use in emergencies.

These escape routes are via the kitchen, the living room, your front entrance door and the small escape door in one of your bedrooms. Please remember that it's vitally important that these escape routes are not blocked up by furniture or other belongings.

### Coronavirus issues at Marie Curie

Engie are monitoring the site closely to ensure all the operatives and the fire wardens are practicing social distancing. All their operatives will wear numbered hi-vis jackets while carrying out their duties. This will make it easier to identify anyone not following COVID-19 guidelines.

Please be assured that Engie have safe working processes developed in line with the most up to date government guidance and their site teams monitor employees to ensure compliance.

Some work tasks may not be able to be carried out at the full two metre social distance, but they will make every effort to keep to this where possible. Engie take temperature scans of all their operatives prior to starting work each day as an additional precaution.

### Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisors

Neal Purvis and Lee Page from Open Communities are the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisors for the works on Sceaux Gardens Estate, including Marie Curie.



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You can contact Neal and Lee, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on **0800 073 1051**.

### Resident Services Officer for Marie Curie

Sonia Forrest is the Resident Services Officer for Marie Curie. You can contact Sonia on **07946 369 599** and her email address is **Sonia.forrest@southwark.gov.uk**.

You can also contact the Resident Services team who are available 24 hours, 7 days a week on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757**. You can also email them on **mariecurie@southwark.gov.uk**.

### Marie Curie Webpage

Everything we have issued to residents, including these newsletters and information to tenants and information to tenants, are uploaded to our website at **www.southwark.gov.uk/MarieCurie**

### The Marie Curie Works Team



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