

Marie Curie

Newsletter

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56 households now registered for rehousing

We have now successfully registered 56 Marie Curie Households on our Homesearch bidding scheme for permanent re-housing. This will enable the households to see the available council and housing association properties each week from Thursday to Sunday, for which residents can bid.

The available properties will change each week and therefore we encourage households to check the website

www.southwarkhomesearch.org.uk every week to see if there is a property that meets your needs.

If you require assistance to register, please do contact our team on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757** where our officers will be able to help. Additionally you can contact this number if you have already registered but do not have your bidding details or need assistance to bid.

Leaseholder Questions

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**. We can capture any queries you have that we can then answer in the meeting we will be holding.

A big thank you

Thank you to all of you who have spoken to the Marie Curie Team in the last two weeks to discuss what you want to do - whether you would like to be re-housed, temporarily or permanently.

Don't forget, 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. However, there are 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.

Major Works Update

We are working with our partners at Engie and Calfordseaden to develop the work recommendations we talked about at the residents meeting to what we call the detailed design stage. This means you will be able see in more detail what the proposed works will look like and mean to your homes. This will be in two parts .The first part will be the works that we can carry out while people are still living in their homes, and the second part is for the works that can only be undertaken when the block is empty.

We will be arranging a series of Design Team meetings and would like representatives from your Resident Project Team and Marie Curie to join in. We would ask anyone who would like to be involved to contact Craig Partridge (Contract Manager) **craig.partridge@southwark.gov.uk** or Neal Purvis from Open Communities on **0800 073 1051**.

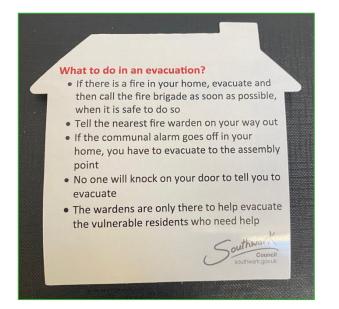
As these are working meetings and will involve different technical teams they will generally be held during the day and then any recommendations as appropriate will be discussed with the Resident Project Team. We hope the first meeting will be at the end of June.

There will also be opportunities for all residents wanting to return to Marie Curie to discuss options affecting their individual homes such as kitchens and bathrooms and proposed heating options so please do not worry if you cannot attend the meetings. We will be in contact with you.

Fire Wardens

If the fire alarms goes off in Marie Curie, residents must evacuate the block. The wardens will not be door knocking as they will be helping those who need help to evacuate.

As a reminder we will sending you all a fridge magnet.



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. 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 Marie Curie Residents Project Team.

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 other blocks on the estate.

Please contact Neal Purvis from Open Communities if you would like to be part of the Resident Project Team. You can contact Neal, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on **0800 073 1051.**

Re-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.

Fifty-six tenants are now registered for rehousing with six more pending approval.

One tenant has made a successful bid for a new home and is waiting to view their potential new home.

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.

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.



To see how this will impact council services please go to **www.southwark.gov.uk/roadmap** for more information.

For more information on the current restrictions see the government website at www.gov.uk/coronavirus or you can see what council services are affected at 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/coronvirus**.

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.



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 online map shows all the current provision https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/
- Tests can also be collected from nine Southwark libraries – you can find the list at www.southwark.gov.uk/health-andwellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-havesymptoms/community-collect

- Home delivery is available for home testing

 to apply go to www.gov.uk/ordercoronavirus-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

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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

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**.

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

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