

Marie Curie

Newsletter

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Marie Curie Smoke Alarms - Update

Dear Residents

Welcome to the second Newsletter for Marie Curie House. We would like to start out by taking this opportunity to wish you a belated Happy New Year.

Works were undertaken to the latter part of 2020 to install updated individual smoke alarm systems to flats within the block. We are happy to report that works to the remaining properties have been booked in, and these works are due to complete over the coming days.

Communal works to install an updated smoke detection system within the enclosed communal corridors are underway. As part of these works, it will be necessary for the new system to be linked to those within flats. As such, Engie will be contacting residents in the coming days to arrange for these works to be carried out.

Further site surveys within Marie Curie will continue to take place with Engie and their partners.

Tenants and Residents Meeting - Tuesday 19 January, 7pm

In case you were not aware already, there will be a T&RA Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 19 January, starting at 7pm.

An item on the agenda will be related to the ongoing works to Marie Curie. Members of the Project Team will be in attendance to answer any and all questions that you may have.

To attend, we would ask that you sign into Zoom (www.zoom.us/join via desktop or mobile) using the following details: -

Meeting ID - 624 291 2259 Passcode - 2v0Pmo

We are keen to have more residents involved in our Residents Project Team who will work with us throughout the Marie Curie works scheme including the larger major works due to start later next year. Please contact Neal Purvis from Open Communities if you would like to be part of the RPT. Contact details are given further in the newsletter

Waking Watch

As in our last newsletter, you are likely aware that Fire Wardens have been introduced, and are working as a precautionary measure whilst works undertaken are to the block.

Should a fire break out during this period, the wardens will help residents leave the building. This is a new measure, and a temporary change to our previous 'stay put' advice.

Coronavirus

We have had a number of residents make contact with us regarding some operatives working on site not wearing appropriate face coverings. These have been isolated cases. which both Engie and the Waking Watch have been made aware of.

Engie have stated that they will continue to monitor this situation. Going forward all their operatives will wear numbered Hi-vis jackets whilst carrying out their duties. This will make it Marie Curie January 14, 2021

easier to identify anyone not following ongoing Covid-19 guidelines.

Please be assured that Engie have safe working processes developed in line with the most up to date government guidance in relation to COVID-19 which are monitored by the site team to ensure compliance. Some work tasks may not be able to be carried out at the full 2m Social Distance, however all steps are being taken to keep to this where possible. Operatives are scanned for high temperature prior to starting work each day as an additional precaution.

With Southwark and Greater London continuing to be under tight Coronavirus restrictions, we must all follow extra rules to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The threat of COVID-19 has not gone away and we strongly encourage people to keep an eye on the advice from the government.

You can read more about the latest restrictions at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Help us Keep Southwark Safe

If you think you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms you should get a test immediately 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've had a positive test or if you've been told to self-isolate by the national test and trace service.

You must also ensure that you notify Engie if you have an appointment for work in your home and anyone in your home has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid so that the appointment can be re-arranged.

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.

Respite Centre

A resident's Respite Centre is available at the Engie site compound opposite Lakanal.

Due to Covid restrictions only one household can use this at any one time, so please do let Valerie, the Engie Resident Liaison Officer (RLO) - whose contact details are in this newsletter - know if you would like to use it whilst works are being undertaken in your home.

Escape Routes in Properties

As you will know, in every property in Marie Curie there are 4 escape routes.

These take you to escape balconies via the kitchen and the living room and to the communal corridor via your front entrance door and the small escape door accessed through one of the bedrooms. It is vitally important that these escape routes are not blocked up by furniture or other belongings and we are just taking the opportunity to remind all residents of this.

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Mail Order Deliveries – Keeping Corridors Clear

More and more people are shopping online. If you are shopping online you should ensure that there is someone at home to take in your parcels as they can not be left on the communal landings.

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 on 020 7732 2886 or 020 7732 2757.

Repairs

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

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

Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor

Neal Purvis from Open Communities is the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor for the works on Sceaux Gardens Estate, including Marie Curie.



Neal Purvis

Whilst non-essential contact is halted, you can contact Neal, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on **0800 073 1051**neal.purvis1@btinternet.com

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