

Voltaire Residents

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Dear Resident,

Fire safety works in Marie Curie

I wanted to let you know what is happening on the estate following a meeting last week for the residents of Marie Curie.

Southwark Council has completed substantial surveys to the Marie Curie block using specialist surveyors. This included removing walls and floors from an empty property to allow very thorough checks.

The surveyors produced a report that identified a number of new issues at Marie Curie. Southwark Council has reviewed the report and discussed it with the surveyors involved. It has become clear that significant works are required in the block, including removal of floors. This can't be done whilst residents are living there and we are offering residents the chance to move - either permanently or temporarily - from Marie Curie.

I know the recent findings at Marie Curie will be concerning to you, so we have undertaken a further review of the Fire Risk Assessment of Voltaire to ensure that any recommendations are included in the refurbishment programme of works to your block. The works are estimated to start in November 2021 and residents will be informed in advance of the actual date.

In addition we are undertaking type 4 Fire Risk Assessments, which are substantial surveys using specialist surveyors, and will include removing walls and floors from an empty property to allow very thorough checks. The aim of this is to ensure that the works we carry out brings the building up to current Building Regulations.

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Please be assured that the safety of residents is our key concern. We hope that this letter provides some reassurance about how we are approaching fire safety in our blocks, but if you would like any further information, please feel free to speak to our resident services team or contact the Fire Safety Team on **FRA@southwark.gov.uk**

Additional fire safety advice is also available on the London Fire Brigade website, which you can find at **www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/escape-plan/escape-plan-blocks-of-flats**

If you want independent advice, Neal Purvis or Lee Page from Open Communities are the Independent Tenant and Homeowner Advisors. If you have any questions contact them on Freephone **0800 073 1051** or at **neal.purvis1@btinternet.com**

If you require translation services or someone to read it to you, then please contact Southwark Council on **020 7732 2886** or email **mariecurie@southwark.gov.uk**

Moving forward we will be engaging with residents across the estate. In the meantime thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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