

Lakanal 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 night 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. The works requiring Marie Curie residents to move out of their homes were done at Lakanal whilst it was empty as part of the refurbishment in 2016/19. There is no reason to think that residents of Lakanal will need to move out.

However, the latest annual Fire Risk Assessment survey at Lakanal has noted some issues with communal areas and as we are due to carry out a refurbishment programme to all the blocks on the estate, we will do those at the same time

We are also intending to pilot a planned, preventative maintenance programme on existing fire safety works undertaken internally to your block. This will be a legal requirement going forward but Southwark Council wants to start this as soon as possible rather than wait for it to be a Government requirement.

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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, which is based in your TRA hall 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 Advisor. 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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**Marie Curie Team**