Safety in your building



4 March 2024

Rainbow House, Water Lane, Watford, WD17 2AP

Dear residents,

Internal investigations taking place and glass atrium panel repair

As part of the remediation of the external wall system, we have undertaken a Type 3 Fire Risk Assessment in communal areas. This has identified a small amount of fire stopping works in communal riser cupboards which will be need to be completed.

Internal compartmentation assessments

We are also preparing to do compartmentation assessments within a small number of flats. These will check that sufficient firestopping is in place between flats. Thank you to those residents who have volunteered to provide access for these surveys, which are taking place this week **Monday 4 - Friday 8 March**. The surveys will involve cutting small hatches in the ceiling in three locations.

Once we have undertaken the assessments, our fire engineer will review the building's fire strategy, with a view to reverting the Fire Strategy back to its original. This will involve removing the evacuation manager and the fire alarm.

Glass panel of atrium level

Scaffolding is still up so that we can replace the broken plane of glass in the atrium. Once we've got a date confirmed for the glass to be replaced, we'll let you know.

EWS1 Form

As a reminder, the EWS1 form for your building has now been issued and is on our website: www.networkhomes.org.uk/media/19678/ews1-fe00393-rainbow-house.pdf. The Fire Industry association (FIA) portal where lenders can search for EWS1 forms can be found here: https://buildingsafetyportal.co.uk/search_forms. This form should help those want to sell, staircase or remortgage to do so, and certifies the low fire risk from your building's external wall system.

Further support

If you need further support, please check our webpage for your building's letters and documents: https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/rainbowbuildingsafety/. You can also get in touch with us if you have any questions, on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk.

Kind regards

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A summary of this letter

We're carrying out some internal investigations this week to check internal firestopping.

We're waiting for a confirmation date for the glass panel in the atrium to be repaired.

A reminder

Your building's fire strategy is currently

simultaneous evacuation,

which means you must evacuate if you hear the fire alarm, even if you think it is a false alarm.