

PARSONS NORTH

NEWS

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WHAT’S COMING UP AT PARSONS NORTH

Welcome back to Parsons North news, keeping you up to date with what’s happening with the development in and around the neighbourhood. This special edition focuses on COVID-19 and how to keep you and your family safe.

We understand the deep concern of residents about the outbreak of coronavirus. We are working closely with the Government, the NHS and our local partners to help those most vulnerable in our communities across Westminster. We want to assure you that we are in this together and that your health and safety are our highest priority. The third page of the newsletter has useful information about the coronavirus and council services which are available to help you in this difficult time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Last month we finished our consultation on the proposed improvements to Parsons House. We are now preparing to submit a planning application and look forward to updating you on the next steps.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Osborne are putting up the concrete frame for the new building, which will take two months to complete. There is also mechanical, electrical and plumbing work taking place alongside this.

Over the next few weeks there will be some concrete pouring works which require vehicles coming and going from site. We believe the works taking place should not be excessively disruptive to residents at this time. If you have any queries, please contact Curtis Donovan, your Resident Liaison Officer, via mobile on **07738 408 961**.



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SITE WORKING HOURS

Normal working hours are:

Monday – Friday:
8am – 6pm

Saturday:
8am – 1pm

SAFETY ON SITE

Osborne are following the Government's recommendation to continue construction and are working with the council to apply the guidance given by Public Health England (PHE) on social distancing. The work is being reviewed regularly and we will keep you up to date with the latest information.

The site was temporarily shut down in March and again in April to assess whether it would be safe to continue working. Osborne have undertaken an extensive risk assessment and have produced a manual of best practice for workers on site to ensure safety and to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Osborne have implemented Site Operating Procedures provided by the Construction Leadership Council. The guidance allows for workers to be within two metres of each other.

Osborne have put in place several practical measures to ensure safety and prevent the spread of coronavirus, these include:

- ▶ Parking spaces for additional cars and bicycles to ensure workers do not need to take public transport to site.
- ▶ Two metre distancing is being carried out across the site. A 'work buddy' system has been introduced where workers

living in the same household can work in close proximity to each other.

- ▶ More frequent hand-washing on site with an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water through the provision of hand-washing and sanitising stations.
- ▶ Additional cleaning has been arranged, targeting surfaces that are likely to be touched regularly.
- ▶ The workforce has been reduced and an additional welfare cabin has been introduced to assist with social distancing during breaks and lunch.
- ▶ A one way system has been implemented for moving around the site, meaning that workers do not have to pass each other.
- ▶ Additional health and safety training has been delivered to all site workers reminding them to be mindful of others external to the immediate site, ensuring that social distancing takes place.
- ▶ Fingerprint scanners have been deactivated.

We will continue to follow Government guidance and work with Osborne to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

I'm following the government guidance by staying at home, will the works be noisy?

Osborne are currently putting up the concrete frame for the new building, which will take two months to complete. This work does not require use of noisy equipment. There will be some concrete pouring works in the coming weeks which require vehicles coming and going from site. The work should be minimally disruptive to residents who are at home during the day.

Osborne have an agreement with the council to not exceed agreed noise and vibration levels. On site three environmental monitoring stations have been installed by the council's Environmental Health team.

Will the coronavirus cause a delay to the completion of Parsons North?

Parsons North is set to be completed in Summer 2021. We are still working towards this completion date, although this may change if the Government guidance recommends site closures. Our priority remains the safety of our residents and we will work with Osborne to ensure we are doing everything possible to keep people safe and healthy.

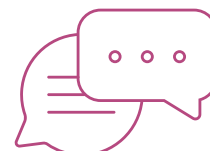
Will construction at Parsons North continue to follow a normal timetable?

In light of the Government's latest guidance, construction will continue working to a normal timetable. On Monday-Friday the site hours will be 8am-6pm and 8am-1pm on Saturday.

How will you keep us updated?

We regularly communicate and engage with residents through letters, newsletters and other forms of communication. On the ground engagement is currently postponed, but we will remain available for residents to contact us and will keep our residents informed as the situation progresses.

Your Resident Liaison Officer Curtis has been calling residents to provide updates. If you have any queries, please contact Curtis via mobile on **07738 408 961**.



WESTMINSTER IS HERE TO HELP



Stay
at home



Protect
our NHS



Save
lives

SIGN UP TO OUR DAILY EMAIL UPDATES

We know that these are unsettling times for everyone. For the latest information on council services, please regularly check our website – westminster.gov.uk/coronavirus and you can also sign up to daily updates via email too.

WESTMINSTER CONNECTS

The council have set up **Westminster Connects**. Westminster Connects has been created to connect volunteers with those in need of help during the coronavirus outbreak.

WESTMINSTER CONNECTS



DO YOU NEED HELP?

In the first instance if you need help or you know of anyone who needs help as a result of the coronavirus, please send the details to westminsterconnects@westminster.gov.uk or phone us on **020 7641 1222**, open 8am to 10pm.

CAN YOU OFFER HELP?

We need volunteers at this time. Please fill out the form on the Westminster Connects Hub online. After this, a person from the council will contact you and will speak to you, they will then link you to a volunteering opportunity.

Volunteering can involve:

- ▶ delivering food/supplies to vulnerable residents
- ▶ picking up and delivering prescriptions
- ▶ having a friendly phone conversation with those at risk of loneliness when in isolation

Further information can be found on the Westminster Connects Hub: westminster.gov.uk/westminster-connects



Your Ward Councillor, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property, Regeneration Cllr Melvyn Caplan, delivering Easter eggs with his dog Riley to Westminster residents

HELPFUL ONLINE RESOURCES

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD LEARNING AT HOME

If you have children under 5, the council has a number of home play resource packs for you to share with your children. Numbers are limited, so to arrange a delivery of your packs please call **020 7641 5676**

In addition, the council has compiled comprehensive activity sheets. Each week, new interesting activities will be added using items found in your home that can be enjoyed with your children.

Further information can be found on the Family Information Services webpage: fisd.westminster.gov.uk/kb5/westminster/fis/home.page

FREE AUDIBLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

For as long as schools are closed, Audible is offering free access to their e-books for children to enjoy a variety of stories told in six different languages. Books can instantly be streamed for free so that children can continue to learn, use their imagination and be creative. Further information can be found on the Audible Website: stories.audible.com/start-listen

ADVICE AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young Westminster Foundation website has information and advice for young people, as well as lots of online activities to keep their minds busy during lockdown. Further information: ywfoundation.com/young-people

SUPPORT FOR CARERS

If you are looking after a partner, parent, relative or friend, there is a range of support available from the council. Further information: westminster.gov.uk/information-carers



EVERY MIND MATTERS

Every Mind Matters is here to help you manage and maintain your mental health, as good mental health makes such a difference. To find out more and to get your free online personal Mind Plan please visit: nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

ONLINE RESOURCES FROM WESTMINSTER'S LIBRARIES

Did you know that our libraries offer many free online resources? They also have special eResources for children and young people both for fun and to help with school work.

To get started you will need a library card, if you don't have one you can apply for one online: westminster.gov.uk/how-do-I-join-a-library

As a member you can use PressReader which provides access to 6,000 publications from over 100 countries. PressReader access and instructions: westminster.gov.uk/ebooks-emagazines-and-audiobooks

USEFUL WEBSITES

- ▶ Westminster City Council Coronavirus Hub: westminster.gov.uk/coronavirus
- ▶ Westminster Connects Hub: westminster.gov.uk/westminster-connects
- ▶ Public Health England: gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england
- ▶ UK Government Coronavirus Hub: gov.uk/coronavirus

CORONAVIRUS – HELP AND INFORMATION

Website

westminster.gov.uk/coronavirus

Phone

020 7641 1222

Email:

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FEEDBACK

What would you like to hear more about? We would love to hear your feedback and welcome suggestions for future newsletters. Please contact us at: **parsonsnorth@westminster.gov.uk**

