Saturday 16th September 2017

Dear Student,

Important information regarding fire safety at New Bridewell

As you may be aware, the UK Government has been testing different types of building cladding to understand how fire retardant it is following a major fire in a high-rise accommodation block in London earlier this year.

Fresh Student Living and Bristol University have worked collaboratively alongside the Fire & Rescue Service, undertaking numerous audits and risk assessments to ensure the safety of all students. We have:

- Notified the Fire & Rescue Service and they have carried out an inspection of the buildings with Fresh Student Living
- Carried out an audit to check and confirm all of the points in the DCLG guidance
- Reviewed the Fire Risk Assessment (which has been done independently by a third party risk assessor - AGF Fire).

New Bridewell has a limited amount of cladding to Block B made of Aluminium Composite Material. Our Fire Risk Assessor has confirmed however that the building is safe for occupation for students and we want to reassure you that your safety while living with us is our priority. We have robust fire safety systems and procedures in place:

- We fully engage with all students living at the accommodation to ensure full understanding of the fire procedures
- Accurate fire notices are displayed in the building
- A Grade 1 fire alarm system is installed, and tested weekly and fully maintained by qualified engineers
- Checked all flat entrance doors and doors that open onto escape corridors and stairways are fire resisting and self-closing and plant rooms and cupboards are kept locked
- Checked all the above doors to be at least 30 minutes fire resistant
- Checked all walls that separate flats, plant and store rooms from escape routes to ensure no obvious routes for fire or smoke spread
- Checked all smoke control and fire alarm systems are working correctly
- Checked all facilities provided for fire-fighters, including fire-fighting lifts and dry and wet rising mains are working correctly
- New Bridewell is in part protected by an automatic sprinkler system
- Our Accommodation Team inspect the building daily to identify fire hazards
- We complete full building evacuations on a three monthly basis.

If you have any concerns or questions about the above please speak to me in Reception.

Kind Regards

David Barkley
Accommodation Manager