

Stop plans to close Bradmore Green Library



Croydon Council is planning to shut down Bradmore Green library, as well as another three smaller libraries within Croydon. They say they are doing this so that they can extend the opening hours of the remaining libraries within the council.

I have been working with families on what we can do to make our voices heard.

This will affect our school & Old Coulsdon community

We at Coulsdon C of E use Bradmore Green Library regularly and once a week different classes come for a much-loved reading visit. The library is of course also a very popular place for many of our families after school on the days it is open (Tuesday & Friday), for the children and parents to read, choose and take out books for home reading, whilst socialising and discussing books with their friends.

It is also a great place for those parents to spend an hour of their time when they collect one child at the normal school finishing time and the other one has an after-school club and needs picking up an hour later.

Once the library closes there is no certainty what will happen with the site and what the space would be used for - this gives some uncertainty to the school especially if the site ends up being developed.

Please help us to save our library by taking one or more of the following steps:

1. Complete the Croydon council library consultation form, online on the link below or take a paper survey, available at the library.
Completed paper copies can be handed back into the library (paper copies also available at Stella's and Pistachios)
<https://www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-services-consultation>
2. Complete the online petition & join the 'Save Croydon Libraries Campaign'
<https://savecroydonlibraries.wordpress.com/>

3. Lend your support on social media:
Email: savecroydonlibraries@gmail.com
Website: www.savecroydonlibraries.wordpress.com
Eventbrite: <http://savecroydonlibs.eventbrite.co.uk>
Twitter: [@SaveCroydonLibs](https://twitter.com/SaveCroydonLibs)
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Instagram: [@SaveCroydonLibs](https://www.instagram.com/SaveCroydonLibs)
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4. Email your thoughts on why you want to keep Bradmore Green library to:
librariesconsultation@croydon.gov.uk and andy.stranack@croydon.gov.uk
5. Join the library. Make sure all your family members have their own individual library card. Go as often as possible and take out plenty of books.
6. Attend the drop-in session on the proposals for Coulsdon Library on Monday, 18th March from 4-7pm at Coulsdon Library, Brighton Road, Coulsdon (Families welcome).

Thank you for reading this, and please help us to save our cherished library!

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