Dear Friends,

Following the latest government public health advice on Coronavirus, and in response to increasing concerns, we have taken the decision to close Leighton House Museum and 18 Stafford Terrace today, 17 March 2020, until further notice.

As the Senior Curator for both houses, I wanted to write to you personally to assure you that we have not taken this decision lightly.

Our office hours continue as 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday, with staff working remotely. For general enquiries please email **museums@rbkc.gov.uk** and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

All our public events have been cancelled and this includes costumed and conventional tours, pre-booked visits from schools and community groups and our free Holland Park guided walks. If you have booked a ticket, you will receive a separate message with details about how to receive a full refund.

If you have booked a private event to be hosted at Leighton House Museum, please contact our Events Manager, Sam Butler, on **sam.butler@rbkc.gov.uk** who will be able to assist.

While Leighton House Museum and 18 Stafford Terrace remain closed, we are already working on exciting content to share with you all through our digital channels, please follow us on our platforms: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and keep an eye on our regular enewsletter. We will all be working hard on plans for the 'new' Leighton House following the completion of the capital project.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our partners, from artists to young musicians, from caterers to small business who sell their lovely products in our shops for their continued support. Thank you to all our staff, to our community of supporters and to all the individuals and families who have visited us in the past and who will do so in future.

We can't wait to welcome you back here soon.

~ Keep safe ~

Daniel Robbins
Senior Curator, RBKC Museums