

Spa Camberwell, Southampton Way, SE5 7EW
A special school for pupils with autism



29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Family Support

Harriet will be taking a little more time for her maternity leave - we wish her well.

Farzana will be back with us between now and half term. She will be with us Monday to Thursday. Do give her a call or make a time to see her if you need anything.

Beverley Swack from Family Early Help and Sharon who works for the DWP will be offering a parent's session on 4th October at 9.45. Please call Farzana if you would like to attend so we can offer you a space.

Pupil Progress

Erin will be running a series of meetings to share an overview of how we measure pupil progress here at Spa Camberwell.

Do come along if you want to find out more.

Belair, Sunray and Neptune – Monday 9th October at 9.45am

Mint, Brenchley, Burgess and Rye - Monday 9th October at 2.30pm

KS3 & KS4 – Tuesday 10th October at 2.30pm

You will be invited to meet with your child's class teacher just after half term. We will send you an invite letter nearer the time.

Every pupil will have an annual review of their Education Health and Care Plan. The office will send you a letter with the date and time. Its fine if you need to rearrange but do let us know as soon as you can.

Language Research Project

We are really pleased to be supporting a unique research project with UCL. The project will look at our pupils' language skills and how their communication affects their development in other aspects of their lives. You can find out more and how to register using the flier attached to this week's letter.

School Nursing Team

The team will be here next week for flu immunisations. Please be assured your child will never have an immunisation unless you have provided consent. The flu one is not an injection - it is a nasal spray. Class teams will support pupils whose families wish them to have it but do let us know if you have any questions.

Enjoy the weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steph Lea".

Steph Lea
Executive Headteacher

Take part in research about minimally verbal / non-speaking children!



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Parents and caregivers of minimally verbal / non-speaking children, we need YOU!

We are investigating why some neurodivergent* children have difficulty developing spoken language, how this might impact their social, cognitive and emotional development.

We are seeking **parents of 4–12-year-olds who are minimally verbal / non-speaking** to take part in the study.

Who is involved in this project?

This study is part of a new research project funded by the Royal Society, led by Dr Jo Saul at University College London (UCL).

This study has been approved by the UCL Research Ethics Committee, Project ID 20175/002.

Who are we looking for?

- **Parents / caregivers** of a neurodivergent* child who is aged 4-12 years, and lives in the UK
- Your child should currently not use **spoken multi-word phrases** on a regular basis to communicate
- We have a screening questionnaire if you are unsure if your child meets this criterion

What does participation involve?

You will be asked to complete online questionnaires and help us obtain video footage of your child's communication skills. There will be one in-person assessment for your child with a researcher either at your home or your child's school.

How much time would it take?

There are **four** waves of data collection, spread over 3 years. We estimate that each wave may involve up to 2 hours of your time and approximately 40 minutes of your child's time. As a thank you we will give you a **£25 voucher at each time point**.

Where can I find more information?

If you would like to find out more about the study or have any questions, please contact Dr Jo Saul. E-mail: jo.saul.14@ucl.ac.uk

I am interested. Where can I sign up?

Please complete the online form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SUform1>



* Below are some examples of conditions we are studying

Down syndrome
Williams syndrome
Intellectual disability
autism
Fetal alcohol syndrome

Rett syndrome
Fragile X syndrome

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