

SCS Newsletter

17th January 2025



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Dear Families,

We hope this finds you well. Thank you to the families that were able to attend the optional progress meetings which took place this week with class teachers.

Week 3: 20th – 24th January:

- Monday, 20th January 10am-11am Upper School CAMHS workshop for parents/carers on Adolescence & Friendships (flyer below with sign up information)
- Tuesday, 21st January 10am-11am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning at school with focus on supporting pupils with selective diets with strategies to increase their engagement with food.

Spring Term Family Learning Week: 3rd - 6th February 2025:

We were so pleased to have such a high number of parents/carers join the Autumn Term Family Learning Week sessions. It is a great opportunity to join a lesson in your child's class to experience their engagement in learning, social interactions with their friends, and to meet other parents. The Spring Term Family Learning Week is scheduled for 3rd - 6th February 2025. Your child's home-school communication book shares the date and time of the lesson you are invited to join. Please make sure you complete the RSVP sticker in the home-school book so that the class teacher can prepare for that lesson.

Term Dates: The 2025-2026 School Year Term Dates are now published

<https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates>

Wishing all of our families an enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,
Swiss Cottage School

Camden MOSAIC

Group for parents

of adolescents with extra needs - 2025

at Swiss Cottage School

OPEN TO PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AT ANY CAMDEN SCHOOL

Interpreters are available if you let us know in advance

Monday mornings from 10am to 11am on:

Monday 13 Jan 2025 ADOLESCENCE - WHAT TO EXPECT

Monday 20 Jan 2025 FRIENDSHIPS

Monday 10 Feb 2025 SEXUALITY

Monday 24 Feb 2025 IDENTITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Monday 10 Mar 2025 SIBLINGS

Monday 24 Mar 2025 YOUR ADULT RELATIONSHIPS

WE ARE INFORMAL, FRIENDLY AND WILLING TO LISTEN

– COME ALONG AND TRY A SESSION

Group run by Susan Cottam and Will Parkinson
from Camden MOSAIC CAMHS
Contact us on 020 3317 2261 or susan.cottam@nhs.net or
william.parkinson@nhs.net if you would like to come



CAMDEN Special Parents Forum

SPRING Calendar 2025

Welcome to our SPRING Calendar of events, workshops and meetings for any parent, carer in Camden with a child or young person (0-25 years) with special needs. Whether you are seeking guidance, looking to share your experiences or simply hoping to connect with other parents or carers, our calendar has something for everyone. Please join us!

Coffee Mornings are a chance to meet other parents for a chat & to share advice and info.
Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.
Workshops are held each term on different subjects.
Forum Meetings are when we get together as parents with different professionals from services in and around Camden – ask questions, get updates and give feedback.

To book onto anything on our calendar below, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch:
Natasha.Burgess@kids.org.uk Text or call Natasha on 07711 767 258 Or contact
Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662
We are on facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and Twitter @CamdenSPForum

Jan

14 Tue Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
22 Wed Themed Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
27 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
29 Wed Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12pm @ Charlie Ratchford Court, 43 Crogsland Road, Chalk Farm, NW1 8FA.

Feb

05 Wed Total communications workshop, 10am-12pm Online via Zoom – register for Zoom link.
11 Tue Annual Review workshop, SENDIAS 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
24 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
26 Wed KIDS Camden Parent, Carer Well-being day 10.30am-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town

Mar

04 Tue Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
05 Wed Movement, rest and relaxation, 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church.
12 Wed Forum meeting, 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town.
26 Wed Themed Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
31 Mon Walk & Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
CAMHS understanding and managing behaviour, 11.45am-1pm Online via Zoom – register for Zoom link.

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SEND STRATEGY: PLANNING FOR 2025



As we start the new year, please join us to reflect on achievements from 2024 and the work ahead of us for 2025.



Hear about
progress in 2024



Inform next steps
for 2025

We are keen to hear as many different experiences as possible from parent carers of children and young people aged 0 to 25

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Wednesday 22 January 2025

10:30 - 12:30

The Greenwood Centre,
37 Greenwood Place,
London, NW5 1LB



Find the Centre in Google Maps

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Join us for our **SPRING TERM 2025 Walk & Talk sessions**



Our popular Walk & Talk sessions are led by Ali who herself is a Camden parent. This is a chance to get together with other parents who all share the experience of having a child with additional needs and/or learning disabilities. Talk about your problems, get some emotional support and find possible solutions. Everyone gets some time to talk and to learn from each other's experiences. Midway we stop off for a coffee at the café at Kenwood. You are also welcome even if you just want to walk and listen. You will feel great after a walk on the Heath with us – so why not come along?

When: Mondays: 27th January, 24th February, 17th and 31st March 2025

Time: 10.15am – 12.30pm

Where: Hampstead Heath - Meet by the water fountain/café/toilets on Hampstead Heath by the Parliament Hill side of the Heath near the tennis courts (Bus access from C2 or 234 or CL1 get off at Parliament Hill/ Swains Lane bus stop).

What: Wear appropriate clothing as we will go rain or shine, and please be on time!

Please let Ali know if you're coming and also if you have to cancel last minute so we don't wait.

Ali: 07785 521693

Keep an eye on facebook, add your name to our contact list and keep in touch.

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TOTAL COMMUNICATION

A workshop for Camden parents of children with learning disabilities of any age who are not yet using spoken language to communicate



When: Wednesday 5th February, 10am-12pm
Where: Virtual meeting on ZOOM (You must book a space)

This workshop will be suitable for anyone with a non-speaking child or a child who has some words but does not use them very functionally to communicate with others. (This could be a child of any age)

We will explore ways of building children's communication using a range of strategies such as actions, objects and signs. There will be time for you to ask questions and share your experiences with other parents during the course of the session.

The workshop will be delivered by NHS speech and language therapists from the Camden Complex Needs Team (Vivien Lo) and the Camden Language and Communication Service (Gemma Green).

To book onto this session please email:
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Annual Reviews Workshop How to get the best EHCP Annual Review



When: Tuesday 11th February @ 10.30am – 12.30pm
Where: Greenwood centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town, NWS 1LB

Are you about to have an annual review of your child/young person's EHCP?

It is a great information session for a Camden parent & carer with an upcoming annual review of their child's EHCP. Guiding you through the process, showing how you can be involved and how to get support.

What will you get out of it?

- An overview and understanding of what to expect from the annual review.
- Advice on getting support through the process.
- Advice on how to have your say and contribute to your child getting the best provision.

This very informative workshop will be delivered by SENDIASS staff (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service).



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