

SCS Newsletter

24th January 2025



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Dear Families,

We hope this finds you well as we reach the midway point of this term.

Week 4: 27th - 31st January:

- 'Evidence for Learning' journal upload into the family portal.
- Tuesday, 28th January 10am-11am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning at school with the Camden Learning Disabilities Service (CLDS) are here to talk about the importance of health and disability (how to keep on top of health checks with your child and adolescent).

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

The Spring Term Family Learning Week is scheduled for 3rd - 6th February 2025 and we wanted to remind you to complete the RSVP sticker in your child's home-school communication book, which has the date and time of the lesson you are invited to join. 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.

Term Dates: The 2025-2026 School Year Term Dates can be found on our website, here:

www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,
Swiss Cottage School

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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 cafe 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/cafe/toilets on Hampstead Heath by the Parliament Hill side of the Heath near the tennis courts (bus access from C2 or 214 or C11 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: 07788 521693
Keep an eye on facebook, add your name to our contact list and keep in touch.
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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:
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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, SENDIASS 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
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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.
31 Mon	CAMHS understanding and managing behaviour, 11.45am-1pm Online via Zoom- register for Zoom link.

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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




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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 session.

The workshop will be delivered by NHS speech and language therapists from the Camden Complex Needs Team (NHS) and the Camden Language and Communication Service, Renée 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 12th 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?

This is a great information session for any Camden parents & carers 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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