

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

We hope this finds you well and safe. We held a zoom staff meeting this morning to reflect on successes as we finish our third week of the half term. It was wonderful to hear their appreciation of the partnership with parents supporting a smooth transition for the new mixed groups. This has led to meaningful engagement in learning and progress of the pupils. We also value the joint problem solving with families that have identified additional support that is needed for pupil wellbeing. Thank you to every family for working so closely with us.

Meet our New Vice Principal 27th January

We are inviting families to a virtual session to meet Mia Dodsworth, our new Vice Principal. The meeting will be on 27th January at 10:30am. We will circulate a zoom link to all families via text so that you can meet Mia and the Senior Leadership Team.

Website Update on Virtual School – Remote Education

We have updated our school website to provide a summary on our Virtual School. This is also known as Remote Education. <https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/virtual-school-remote-education/>
We thank every family that is in the Virtual School for the role you are playing as an extension of the class team. We value how you are supporting the engagement in learning and your reflections on your child's progress. Please let your class teacher know if there is anything else you may need to support that process. This week we have delivered more technology and resources to families requesting this.

Term Dates

The term dates for the year are located on the school website here: <https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/term-dates/>

Friday, 29th January 2021 is a staff training day. There will be no onsite or virtual school on that date.

Government Change with Lateral Flow Testing

The government has provided an important update to schools. We will continue with lateral flow testing of staff. If there is a positive case of COVID-19 – the pupils and staff that are confirmed as contacts would go into self-isolation for 10 days. We can no longer use lateral flow testing as a way to keep pupils and staff onsite if there is a positive COVID-19 case.

National Lockdown

The government lockdown is still in place due to the high number of cases for COVID-19. The flyers from Camden Local Authority and Barnado's Charity are included to support you during this period.

If you have any questions, please email support@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk. We wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Vijita Patel
Principal



Becky Shaw
Vice Principal



Mia Dodsworth
Vice Principal



Lucy Hall
Assistant
Principal



Laura Fawcett
Assistant
Principal
(Lower)




Matthew Maguire
Assistant
Principal
(Upper)



Rima Blakaj,
School Business
Manager

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Our Covid-19 helpline for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic families



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Supporting information for **parents**

About Boloh Helpline

Boloh Helpline is a service launched on the 1st October by Barnardo's with funding from the National Emergencies Trust. The Helpline is a response to the impact of the pandemic on Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities who have been disproportionately affected.

Helpline staff are either Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic community, or have prior professional experience of delivering services to children, young people and their families from these communities.



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Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic family Covid-19 Helpline

Supporting information for **Professionals**

Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic children and families have been disproportionately affected by Covid-19 and are facing significant challenges to their emotional health and wellbeing.

Children and young people from these communities continue to be the hidden victims of the pandemic, which has exacerbated existing inequalities. These children have experienced more trauma, such as death and illness and rising hate crime due to COVID-19, leading to anxiety and other mental health difficulties. All are likely to increase further as their parents continue to be on the frontline and risk continued exposure to Covid-19 or they could be experiencing financial burdens and unemployment.



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The Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic family Covid-19 Helpline and webchat

If you have been affected by the pandemic, are concerned about school, lost a loved one or need someone to talk to, you can contact one of our specialist support advisors today.

If you're not sure if we can help, it's okay to give us a call for free on **0800 1512 605**

Or talk to us on our webchat by visiting helpline.barnardos.org.uk and click on the icon on the bottom right

You can tell us about yourself and, if we can't help you, we'll find someone who can. Our staff can talk to you in English, Urdu or Hindi.

You can call us between Monday and Friday 1pm – 8pm.

We can usually help if:

- you are over the age of 11
- you are from Black and Asian communities

To find out more information visit helpline.barnardos.org.uk

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January 2021 

Dear Camden resident,

As you will know, the Government has introduced a national lockdown until at least the middle of February because coronavirus cases are dangerously high.

We know how deeply difficult it is to be in lockdown again but we are writing to set out how important it is to follow the restrictions. The spread of the virus has put severe strain on the NHS and our hospitals are under extreme pressure. Following the rules will save lives and protect our NHS. Camden Council and our amazing community partners are here to help if you need support.

Please follow national lockdown restrictions to stay safe

			
Stay at home unless you're leaving the house for an essential reason	Only leave home to exercise once a day – alone, with your household, bubble or 1 person from another household	You must work from home if you can	Only socialise indoors with your household or bubble

Read the guidance in full at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

You must follow public health advice

-  If you're leaving the house for an essential reason, act like you have COVID-19 and treat others like they have it too
-  Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, unless you're exempt
-  Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly
-  Keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with
-  If you develop symptoms, you must self-isolate along with everyone you live with and get a free test by calling **119** or via [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). Self-isolating means not leaving home at all

 If you need help booking a test, call the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**. We can help you access any other support you may need at the same time.

Advice for people more at risk from coronavirus

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable to coronavirus, we strongly advise you to follow Government guidance, which is to begin shielding again and stay at home as much as possible. You may leave your home to exercise while following public health advice, or to attend medical appointments. If you cannot work from home, you should not go to work. If you're in this situation, find out more about the benefits you may be entitled to at [gov.uk/employment-support-allowance/how-to-claim](https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance/how-to-claim) or by calling Job Centre Plus on **0800 169 0350**.

To register your need for local support, please register for the Government's Shielding Support Service at [gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support). If you need help to register, please call us on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

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Keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with	Got symptoms? Self-isolate and get tested