





5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

We hope this finds you well and safe. We started the day with a staff reflection on the successes for each class and teams across the school. This included the onsite teams and virtual school team. The engagement in learning, creativity in teaching ideas, virtual cross class assemblies, team planning, personalised resources, and partnership with parents has led to very meaningful progress for our amazing pupils. Thank you for working so closely together during this lockdown period.

<u>COVID-19 Cases</u> We informed you of 4 positive cases of COVID-19 this week (3 staff members and 1 pupil). We completed our risk assessment process with the London Coronavirus Response Cell and Camden & Islington Public Health Team. We want to reassure you that the school's safety measures are confirmed as robust and above expectation. This is through coordinated planning from the school with Camden Transport, Caterlink, NHS/Multi-Agency specialists, and BAM FM Premises teams. We can also confirm that all access the option of lateral flow testing through their organisation's lateral flow test sites. Whilst we put a number of safety measures into place to protect our staff and pupils, the realities outside of the school gates are a complex variable and reality.

<u>Staff COVID-19 Vaccinations</u> We wrote to you last week confirming that we are within the priority group for vaccinations with frontline health and social care staff. This is an optional choice for staff which brings in an additional safety measure for our community earlier than anticipated. We are pleased to confirm that 52% of our staff have made the decision to get vaccinated. Each of those staff should receive their first vaccination by the end of half term. We are pleased this is added to the tools we have to help support our community's safety.

Lockdown & Planning The Prime Minister announced an initial target date from the government of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for the full return to school. The government's decision on this will not be confirmed before 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 and we have not received any guidance in preparation. The next half term is 6 weeks long. We have decided to make a three-week plan so that we are prepared if there is any change from the government. This is from our experiences at the start of the term when a lockdown was very suddenly announced.

We have created another survey for families and staff. Please complete the family survey by Monday 10am. If we do not receive a response then we will presume you want your child to remain in their current class group. This will allow us to prepare plans and communicate them with you in next week's newsletter – giving everybody clarity before the half term break begins.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FebruaryFamilySurvey/

<u>Children's Mental Health Week</u> Place2Be has created a number of resources and links to organisations on their website for Children's Mental Health Week. The resources can also be adapted through the links on their website. The focus this year was 'Express Yourself'. The website is located here: <u>https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/</u> and a poster for parents and carers is located at the bottom of the newsletter.

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<u>Camden Special Parents Forum: Makaton Taster Session 9<sup>th</sup> February</u> Parents and carers are invited to sign up for a fantastic virtual session organised by the CSPF in partnership with The Makaton Charity. The focus is to understand the Makaton Language Programme and will be facilitated by a senior tutor from The Makaton Charity. You can sign up by emailing or calling Maria Schultz (Parent and School Governor at Swiss Cottage School). The flyer with details is located at the bottom of the newsletter.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,





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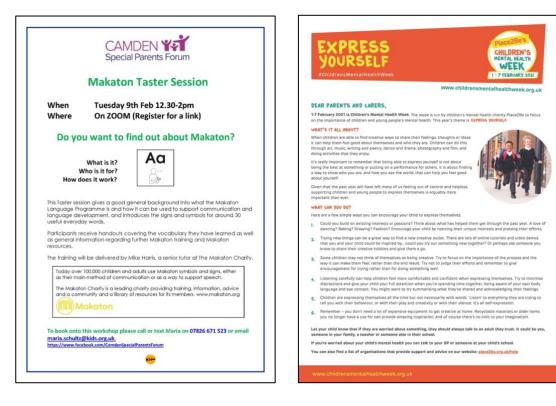
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