



Swiss  
Cottage  
School  
Development &  
Research Centre

# SCS Newsletter

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

The strength of our school community was felt this term as we responded to the sudden lockdown in January with a plan that worked for us. Thank you to every family for working with us to establish the hybrid groups and interim curriculum for our onsite and virtual school up to March. The role you also played to support the transition process back to our original groups within the school is deeply appreciated. We are so proud of their engagement in learning and joy in friendships throughout the school day. We are building on these solid foundations as we prepare for the Summer Term. Our diverse community will be reflecting on the religious festivals that take place throughout the spring break period and this has featured across classes during lessons. Families will be celebrating Easter on Sunday at the end of the Holy Week. Many of our families will also be starting the festival of Ramadan on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Our warm wishes as you engage in these periods of deep reflection.

## Reflections from our new Vice Principal Mia

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support since I joined you all here at Swiss Cottage School. This term has been defined by uncertainty and change due to the pandemic, but it has been wonderful to see how the Swiss community, pupils, staff and families have responded and reacted throughout; this would have been impossible without strong partnerships with home and families. There have been fantastic learning opportunities and community spirit moments across the term, and it has been a pleasure to welcome everyone into school. The learning continues with the sense of community. I look forward to the summer term and continuing to work closely with you all to build on the successes of this term.

## Coram 'Creates'

The wonderful Coram Creative Therapies team have created a video playlist for children and families to explore together during the holidays. The first playlist theme is "**Being in the Moment**" which we hope will support moments of mindfulness during busy times. You can explore music, art making, relaxation activities and storytelling to support an awareness of being present in play. The playlist is located on youtube here: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkI3Vi1FEtKuiFYLffwecLhUaXwPaTDgu>

**Lateral Flow Testing (Asymptomatic Testing):** The school has volunteered to take part in a Camden Local Authority pilot to provide you with home testing kits for your family. The delivery has not arrived from the Department for Health and Social Care so this will be provided to families after the spring break period. The collection and delivery of these asymptomatic test kits is still available. The booking takes place through this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

## In this Newsletter

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If your child develops any symptoms or tests positive over the holiday period – please email [covid@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk](mailto:covid@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk) and we will support you with the next steps. We are also managing the contact tracing for our staff and will inform you if necessary.

## Updated Website Launch

We have worked with a website company to redesign our school website. Our focus was on ensuring full accessibility with the school website so that we reflect our own expectations of the wider community. The website is still [www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk](http://www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk)

The website provides the following accessibility which is built into our school website:













## Swiss Cottage School

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 Pause Animations	 Dyslexia Friendly	Change between 'dyslexia friendly' and 'legible' fonts
 Cursor	 Tooltips	Add image description
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## Term Dates including 2021-2022 academic year

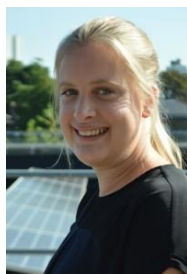
The first day of the Summer Term is Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The term dates for the 2021-2022 academic year are listed at the bottom of the newsletter and on the school website.

We wish every family a safe and enjoyable holiday period, and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

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

## Term Dates & Diary

### Autumn Term 2021

#### Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

Thursday 2nd September 2021: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

Friday: 3rd September 2021: **First day for pupils**

Monday: 18th October: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

**Half-Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021**

Friday 17th December 2021: **Last day for pupils**

**Winter Holiday: Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022**

### Spring Term 2022

#### Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022: **First day for pupils**

Friday, 28th January: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

**Half-Term: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022**

Friday 1st April 2022: **Last day for pupils**

**Spring Holiday: Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April 2022**

### Summer term 2022

#### Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22nd July 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022: **First day for pupils**

Monday 2nd May 2022: **May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils**

**Half-Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022**

Monday, 4th July 2022: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

Friday 22nd July: **Last day for pupils**

**Summer Holiday: Monday 25th July 2022 –**



## The children's A&E at the Royal Free Hospital will **REOPEN** from 9am on 12 April 2021

If your child is under 18 years old and needs urgent healthcare,  
call NHS 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk to find your nearest children's A&E.  
For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 immediately.



## Being In The Moment

Coram Creates Session 1: A collection of videos to help you be more in tune  
with the present moment!

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk13Vi1FEtKuiFYLffwecLhUaXwPaTDgu>

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Working in partnership

**Dental Health Advice for Parents/Carers  
& Easter Holiday Dental workshops for Children**

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