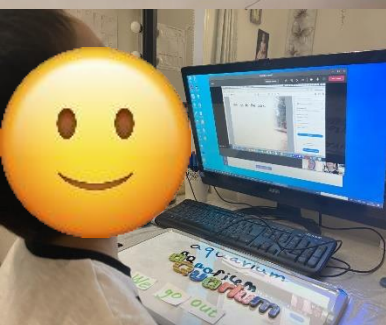
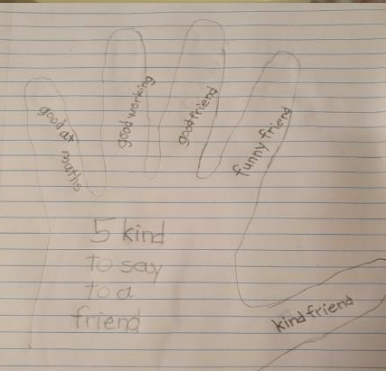




# SCS Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,



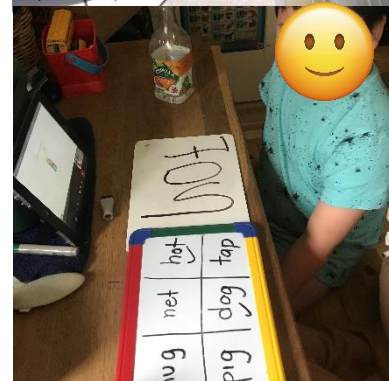
We hope this finds you well as we end the first half of the Spring Term. The strength of our community helped us respond quickly to the sudden lockdown. It would not be possible for us to run both versions of our school (virtual and onsite) without the partnership we hold with you and our many multi-agency teams. The extension of the school into the home environment was possible through all of the communication and discussions.

The transition into the hybrid groups has ensured access to the curriculum through the adapted timetables. The engagement in learning is remarkable to observe with each of the Evidence for Learning journals.

The key priorities in the EHCP remained at the heart of the interim provision. Sensory communication, early reading, phonics, and whole class literacy have supported our communication aims with a link to their Speech and Language Therapy targets. Cognition themes were targeted through thinking skills, early maths, and science lessons.











Our curriculum's focus on life skills through the My Body, My Community, and My Communication sessions supported pupils with a link to their Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy targets.

Classes have also focused on wellbeing and mental health as they engaged in peer learning activities to explore their feelings and friendships as we navigated the changes in school. It was also wonderful to hear about the Sixth Form classes learning about British Space Scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock. Their lessons through a BBC documentary focused on her inspirational achievements and message to our pupils to "Follow Your Dreams!".







		
	<p>Thank you  NHS</p> <p></p> <p>With love from Alan Turing</p>	
		



## Messages

**Next Half Term:** The school's plan for next half term was sent to you through a general letter <https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/letter-to-families-10-02-2021/> and an individual letter related to your child's class. We will work carefully with staff and families to promote a safe return during our transition week. The government is due to confirm their dates on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, so an additional update will follow after half term.

**Half Term and Contact Tracing:** The government has asked schools to support contact tracing if pupils or staff test positive for COVID-19. If your child was onsite and tests positive, please email the school on [covid@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk](mailto:covid@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk) or call us on 02076818080 and we will support you with the next steps.

**Vaccinations:** We have 66% of staff registered for priority group vaccination. We will continue to register our staff as they get their questions answered by their GP.

**Webinar on Vaccinations:** Camden is holding a webinar to explain vaccinations and the local plan. This is being hosted by Camden GPs and the Camden & Islington Public Health Team. It takes place on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. We have highlighted this to our staff team and want to ensure you can access this as well. Please register here:

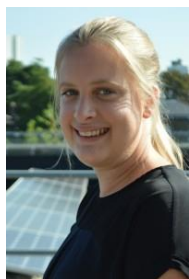
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Thank you for your support during this unprecedented period. We wish each of you a safe half term and look forward to welcoming you back after the half term break.

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





# Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

**For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:**

- Visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil) and Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://facebook.com/LBCamden)
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



**SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus enewsletter for regular service updates, news and support at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

## COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective, and gives the best protection against coronavirus.

When you're eligible to get a vaccination, the NHS will be in touch, so make sure you're registered with a GP and that they have your most up-to-date contact details. The vaccine will help save lives so please consider having it when it's your turn.

If you're 70 or over or clinically extremely vulnerable and have not yet been contacted, you can now book your own vaccine appointment at a nearby vaccination centre like the Francis Crick Institute or the Royal Free Hospital. Visit [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine) or call **119** for free. However, if you would prefer to have the vaccine at a GP surgery, please wait to be contacted.



### Vaccine Q&A event

On Tuesday 16 February from 5.30 to 7pm, Healthwatch Camden will host a virtual Q&A with local GPs and Camden's Director of Public Health to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. Register for the event, accessible via Zoom or landline, at [camden.gov.uk/healthwatchevent](https://camden.gov.uk/healthwatchevent) or phone Healthwatch Camden on **020 7383 2402**. Submit your questions in advance when you register, or email [shelly.khan@healthwatchcamden.co.uk](mailto:shelly.khan@healthwatchcamden.co.uk)

## Help for people experiencing domestic abuse

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and need immediate help, you can now discreetly ask for 'ANI' (Action Needed Immediately) at local Boots pharmacies and a number of independent pharmacies across the UK, including in Camden.

Trained staff will offer a safe and private space for people at risk to go to, and assist in calling domestic violence and abuse support services or the police.

Participating pharmacies are displaying posters in windows and inside.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, you can also contact Camden Safety Net on **020 7974 2526** or email [camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk](mailto:camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk)

Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence](https://camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence)



With temperatures dropping again this week, and the days still short, I know this is a really hard time of year to be living through lockdown. Despite the ongoing challenges we all face, I continue to be deeply moved by the acts of love and care across Camden as our communities support each other.

If you are struggling to access help, from accessing food to struggling with mental health, then please contact the Council to find out what support is available on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

All of us following the rules is making a huge difference to reduce the number of people catching the virus – but people are still getting infected every day in London and in Camden. The vaccine gives the best protection against the virus and will reduce the number of people needing to go into hospital to be treated for COVID-19 – but we still have to do all we can to keep each other safe. I visited one of Camden's vaccination clinics and saw the joy and relief on people's faces on getting their first dose – please do get vaccinated when it is your turn. If you have been vaccinated, please do continue to follow the rules – washing your hands, wearing a face covering and keeping a distance from people you don't live with.

**Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council**

## Support for private renters



The Government's temporary ban on evictions for private tenants ends on Sunday 21 February. If you're concerned about this change or have been asked to leave your home, please know that help is available. If you are facing eviction, struggling to pay your rent because of coronavirus, or you are not sure about repairs and safety checks that your landlord can carry out during lockdown, contact Camden Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit [camden.gov.uk/private-renters-help-covid](https://camden.gov.uk/private-renters-help-covid)

## Keep Camden Safe

Whether you've had the vaccine or not, it is essential that you continue to follow the rules to prevent yourself catching or passing on coronavirus:



Stay at home as much as possible. If it's essential to go out, act like you and others have COVID-19



Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, unless exempt



Keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly

For more information on national coronavirus restrictions, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## Rapid COVID-19 tests for Camden workers without symptoms

If you have to leave home to go to work, you can book a free Lateral Flow Test at one of four test sites in Camden. These tests identify people who do not have symptoms of coronavirus but may be infectious so could pass it on to someone else. For more information or to book a free test, visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest)

If you develop coronavirus symptoms, do not go to a Lateral Flow Test site. Instead, self-isolate and book a free test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call **119**.

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