

SCS Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

We hope this finds your family safe and well. We are ending the week with our 4th whole staff training day today. The training across this year is focused on enhancing our school-wide approach with 'Positive Behaviour Support' and 'Trauma-Informed Practice'. This links to the Camden Local Authority programme to achieve the status of 'Positive Behaviour Support School' and 'Trauma-Informed Practice School'. The training modules are led by the Camden Educational Psychology Team and our Senior Leadership Team.

COVID-19: We have a total of 42 positive cases for our school through lateral flow tests and PCR test results since the start of the Spring Term. We are beginning to feel the cases settle with only 2 pupils and 4 staff members testing positive this week. We also only have 1 class in self-isolation this week (Caterpillar) and they are due to return next week.

Our safety measures with face masks, hygiene measures, ventilation, and restrictions on visitors will continue.

We are planning on restarting swimming lessons at the leisure centre from Monday for classes that have this on their timetable with no active higher-tier positive case status. We will monitor this for the final two weeks of the half term and then plan on the restart of community-based learning for specific classes after half term.

Camden Special Parents Forum: There are two important meetings taking place next week. The Tuesday forum meeting is focused around respite options in adult services. The Wednesday forum meeting is focused on the Camden SEN/Disability Strategy. Please see the flyers below for more information.

Thank you for the understanding and the ongoing support. If you have any questions please let us know. We hope you have a safe weekend.

Yours Sincerely,
The Senior Leadership Team



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Camden Special Parents Forum Meeting

For parents and carers of children and young people with SEND
in Camden (aged 0-25 years).



WHEN: Wednesday 2nd Feb
10am – 12pm

WHERE: On ZOOM

To get the meeting link please
email maria.schultz@kids.org.uk
or call or text 07826 671 523

Our Forum Meetings run twice a term and are a chance for Camden parent/carers to meet together to get and give feedback on important local issues. We have regular updates from SEN education, health (therapies & MOSAIC) and social care (Short Breaks) so that you can keep up to date with services in Camden and have your say. You can join the discussion, ask questions or just listen in – all welcome!

February line up:

SEND Strategy - Camden is in the process of refreshing its strategy for improving the outcomes achieved by children and young people aged 0 to 25 with special educational needs and or disabilities (SEND). This Local Area SEND Strategy outlines the vision and key priorities for Camden's children and young people with SEND. As part of this refresh, the Council are conducting workshops with children, young people and their parents and carers to understand experiences in accessing SEND support across education, health and social care and to help co-produce the strategy together.

At this meeting we will hear about the strategy refresh, begin to shape its content, and learn about additional ways to get involved. What you say can help us improve how Camden supports children with SEND and their families.

With: Jessica Farrand, Portfolio Lead, Children and Young People, Supporting People and Eve Avdoulos, Principal Policy and Projects Officer, Supporting People

Short Breaks recommissioning – Update from CYPDS (Children and Young Peoples Disability Services) on the recommissioned Short Breaks respite services that will be starting in 2022.

With: Crina Popa, Head of CYPDS and Denise Pittaway, Commissioning Manager

Have a look at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>
or contact us at CamdenSPF@kids.org.uk for info, to join our contact list & keep in touch.



CAMDEN Special Parents Forum

Parents Transition Networking Group

When Tuesday 1st Feb @ 10.30-11.30am
Tuesday 22nd Mar @ 10.30-11.30am
Where ZOOM (Register for a link)



Do you want to be part of a regular group of parent carers of young people with SEND moving through the transition into adulthood?

The aim of this group is to create a regular group of parents who get together to support each other, share information and guide each other through the process. The group can then decide to invite people from different sectors as and when topics come up. It is a chance to come together with parents of children aged 16+ to discuss useful ideas that could help shape this support group to best meet your needs. However, if you are interested in starting to think about things earlier you are welcome to join if your child is aged 14yrs+

We established the Parent Carer Transition Network Group last year and some parents, who are members of this group, has commented that it is very useful to have a group that specifically focusses on the different challenges of preparing for adulthood.

If you are new and haven't joined one of our meetings before – why not make this your first time? We are a really friendly bunch and we'd love for you to join us!

To book a place please email maria.schultz@kids.org.uk, call or text 07826 671 523
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