

# SCS Update

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Swiss  
Cottage  
School  
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Research Centre

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Dear Families,

We were thrilled to have the sensory theatre company 'Oily Cart' at the school over the last two weeks. Pupils across all pathways took part in the theatre performances and activities. This culminated in a percussion and sensory parade across the school yesterday. Pupils in the Post-16 Sixth Form helped organise and host the parade and Oily Cart team. Classes are also exploring the topic 'Rights of the Child' across this half term through our Rights Respecting Schools initiatives with the UNICEF schools programme. We will share more about both in our end of term highlights newsletter.

**School Photos:** The team from Tempest will be in school to complete the pupil and class photos.

23<sup>rd</sup> November: Upper School classes

25<sup>th</sup> November: Lower School classes

The company will provide families with the ordering information after the photography is completed.

**Senior Team Update:** Our Vice Principal Becky is currently on maternity leave. After 10 years at Swiss Cottage School Becky is moving outside of London to start a new chapter with her growing family. Becky joined us from the Jack Taylor Special School and transitioned their team across to the new school building and Swiss Cottage School in 2012. She progressed from Head of Lower School to Vice Principal during her time at Swiss, and has led on a number of initiatives. We share the sadness you may feel in this update, but also want to celebrate the new chapter she is beginning with her family beyond London.

Our Vice Principal Mia has also decided that after 2 years at Swiss Cottage School, she will be moving to a special school closer to her home because she lives outside of London. Mia joined us during the pandemic and has led on important initiatives for the school and our work with Camden as we moved beyond the pandemic's impacts on education. We are also sad to have this update, and support her fully as she starts a new chapter with a school community close to her home.

Both Becky and Mia plan to finish at Swiss Cottage School at the end of this term, and informed us at the half term period. We have worked carefully with support from the governors to put a national recruitment process into place. Over the last few weeks we have hosted a number of interested candidates for school tours alongside presentations on our curriculum and provision. We are really pleased to share that multiple applications are submitted from strong candidates. The next steps and interviews take place over the coming two weeks. We will share the outcome of this process with you in December. We will organise a thank you memory book for Becky and Mia, and will invite you to send in your messages later this term. Becky also plans to join us at the school so that families also have a chance to see both of Becky and Mia together in person. We will share that date once it is confirmed.

Yours Sincerely,  
The Senior Leadership Team



Vijita Patel  
Principal



Mia Dodsworth  
Vice Principal



Rima Blakaj  
School Business  
Manager



Matthew Granados  
Assistant Principal  
(Lower)



Matthew Maguire  
Assistant Principal  
(Upper)



Roseanna Gooder  
Assistant Principal  
(Transitions/School  
Improvement)



Aditi Singh  
Assistant Principal  
(Curriculum)



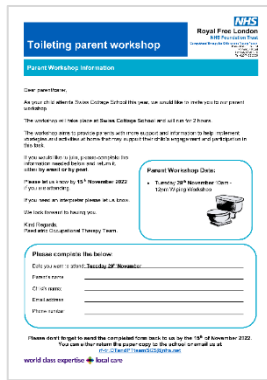
Lucy Hall  
Assistant Principal  
(Pastoral)

**Autism Coffee Morning**  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022



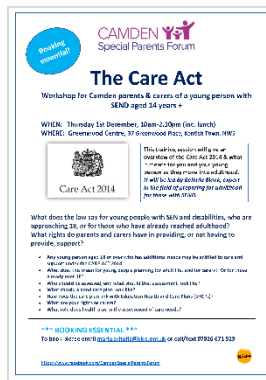
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**Toileting Parent Workshop**  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022



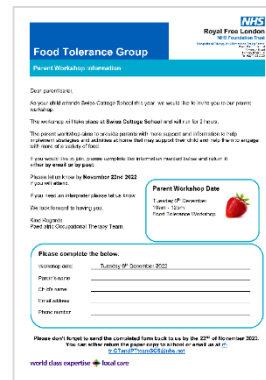
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**The Care Act Workshop**  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022



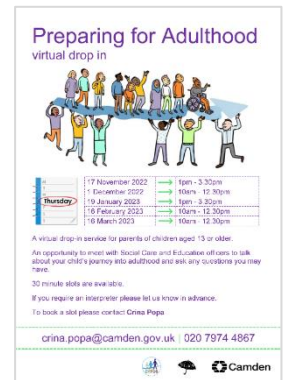
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**Food Tolerance Group**  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022



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**Preparing for Adulthood Virtual Drop In**  
Multiple Dates



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## Autumn Term 2022

**Thursday 1 September to Friday 16 December 2022**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September: **First day for pupils**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September: **Bank Holiday - no school for pupils**

Monday: 17<sup>th</sup> October: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Friday 16 December 2022: **Last day for pupils**

**Winter Holiday:** Monday 19 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

## Spring Term 2023

**Tuesday 3 January to Friday 31 March 2023**

Tuesday: 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023

Friday 31 March 2023: **Last day for pupils**

**Spring Holiday:** Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023

## Summer Term 2023

**Monday 17 April to Friday 21 July 2023**

Monday 1 May 2023: **May Day Bank Holiday - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Friday 21 July 2023: **Last day for pupils**

