

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

We hope this finds you well as we complete the transition period into the new academic year. The Personal Learning Intention Maps (PLIMs) are developed through each class team's observation of your child's learning and the discussions with yourselves and multi-agency professionals. They should be with you now in your child's school bag. If you have not received them, please email your class teacher and they will make sure a copy is sent home to you.

### Black History Month



Yesterday marked the start of Black History Month. Every curriculum pathway engages with this important theme. One of the many cross-curriculum collaborative projects from last year is on display in our reception (Art and History project on Nelson Mandela). We are highlighting a website that brings a range of viewpoints together for us as a school community: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

They have included a number of events taking place across London here: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/region/greater-london/>

### 5th October - 9th October is World Education Week

We are incredibly proud to share that our school community is one of the 100 schools selected to showcase best practice for the international 'World Education Week'. We are 1 of 7 schools in the UK to feature, and one of the only special schools amongst the entire global event. This is a reflection of what we have achieved together!

Throughout the week, schools have a one hour feature on best practice related to key themes. Swiss Cottage School, DRC will feature on Thursday, 8th October 4-5pm and focus on our use of technology. We are also honoured to be sponsored by 'Evidence for Learning'. The events are free and located here: <https://www.eventbrite.dk/e/t4-world-education-week-tickets-116951472001?aff=Swisscottage>

Be sure to book a place for our event on 8th October 4-5pm and spread the word on twitter with @SwissCottageSch @T4EduC @EFL\_Insights #WorldEducationWeek

### Books Beyond Words Research Project

The school has worked in partnership with Professor Barry Carpenter for the 'Books Beyond Words' Research Project. We are pleased to share an article that reflects the

impact of this action research project. 'Books Beyond Words' involves the use of specialist books to promote a social reading club for pupils with additional needs. We use the books in our Upper School and the Swiss Cottage Library to ensure our young people have access to meaningful book club experiences.



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### Camden Special Parents Forum

**CAMDEN** Special Parents Forum

**Join us for our next SEND Forum Meeting**

**When** Thursday 8 Oct @ 10.30 – 12pm  
**Where** ZOOM (Register for a link)

Join in to get the latest news from Camden SEN Department and Disabled Children's Social Care Team. Hear more about a MOSAIC consultation to improve the autism pathway and hear from commissioners and representatives about the temporary closure of the Children's services at the Royal Free and the alternative A+E arrangements.


In this meeting we will be joined by Crina Popa (Head of MOSAIC), Karen Flanagan (Head of Camden SEN), Sarah Hulme (Head of Children, Young People and Family Services), Lesley Platts (Head of Islington & Camden CYP Services) and Healthwatch.

Join us to listen, chat and ask your questions – all welcome!

To book a place please email [maria.schultz@kids.org.uk](mailto:maria.schultz@kids.org.uk), call or text 07826 671 523, or call the KIDS office on 0207 431 8476 and ask for Maria or Rachel. <https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

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## Creative Writing Workshops

**CAMDEN**   
Special Parents Forum

**Creative Writing Workshops for parents and carers of  
Children and young people with special needs in Camden**

Extremely entertaining workshops that liberate your creativity and immerse you in the joy of language. Playful, fun, entertaining, enlightening – explore your word power with Paul Lyalls. If your fiction needs a lift, if your life-writing needs lift, if YOU need a lift!

**No experience necessary!**




These fun and informal writing workshops will be delivered by Paul Lyalls, who is Former poet in residence for the Roald Dahl Museum. He works with Arsenal FC and a smile London Poet who has performed with Kate Tempest, Benjamin Zephaniah & Rasta Mouse. These workshops will give you the best times ever with words and ideas. Check more about him here: [www.paul-lyalls.uk](http://www.paul-lyalls.uk)

**WHEN:** Wednesdays 7 Oct, 4 Nov and 9 Dec 10.30-12.30pm  
**WHERE:** On ZOOM (Virtual sessions)

**\*\*\*\*\*BOOKING ESSENTIAL\*\*\*\*\***  
For Camden Parent/Carers with Children with SEND (Sorry no children allowed)  
You will need a notebook and a pen/pencil.

To book onto this workshop please email [maria.schultz@kids.org.uk](mailto:maria.schultz@kids.org.uk) or call or text 07826 671 523.

Please do keep an eye on Facebook, ask to join our contact list and keep in touch.  
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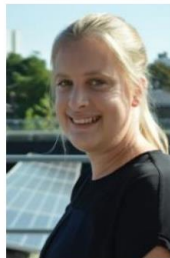
We hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Take care and thank you for the ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Senior Leadership Team



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The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)