

27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

We hope this finds each of you well and safe. The relationships we have as a connected community can make the updates about positive cases that much more concerning because we think about the families and staff that are unwell. We are so relieved and pleased to share the good news that the pupils that tested positive for COVID-19 over the past two weeks are all feeling better now. Thank you for such support of one another during this very challenging period. We are excited about the return of those classes next week.

### **Progress Meetings 7<sup>th</sup> December – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

The autumn term progress meeting will be taking place during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Your class teacher will organise a convenient date and time for this virtual meeting. It will take place via Zoom or Microsoft Teams depending on your preference. The meeting gives you an opportunity to explore your child's progress and discuss any priorities you may have. The meeting will use the Evidence for Learning journal. Please email the class teacher if you are trying to access the content upload, and email [admin@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk) if you need any additional support with your Evidence for Learning login and password.

### **Winter Festival**

Our Winter Festival is being planned in an alternative way so that pupils can experience this from their classrooms because we cannot come together as a group of classes, bubble, or school in one space. The government has also released a new COVID-19 guideline this morning for schools on music and performing arts. We will write to you next week with an update on how your family will access the class celebration of learning.

### **Term Dates**

There are three weeks remaining in the Autumn Term. The last day of school is Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The school is then closed. The first day of the Spring Term is Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **Government Lockdown & Tier Alert System**

The Prime Minister announced plans following the end of national lockdown on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The three-tier system is:

Tier 1: Medium Alert

Tier 2: High Alert

Tier 3: Very High Alert

Camden Local Authority is currently identified as Tier 2: High Alert. The information on the Tier System that goes into effect on 2<sup>nd</sup> December is located here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>.

The national guidance for the Winter holiday period is located here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>.

We wish each of you a safe weekend and thank you for the ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely,



Vijita Patel  
Principal



Becky Shaw,  
Vice Principal



Rima Blakaj,  
School Business  
Manager



Lucy Hall,  
Assistant  
Principal



Laura Fawcett,  
Assistant  
Principal  
(Lower)



Matthew Maguire,  
Assistant Principal  
(Upper)



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## Festive Cards 2020

Festive cards designed by pupils at Swiss Cottage School to fundraise as part of the school Charity for school resources.

A pack of 5 cards costs £3, or 2 packs for £5, and are available from our new 'EmployMENT Pathway' online shop.

[employe-card-design.myshopify.com](http://employe-card-design.myshopify.com)  
or via the school website

The Sixth Form's 'EmployMENT Pathway' launched their online shop, showcasing their fantastic work designing and producing greeting cards and ceramics.

The Card & Design team will be managing the online shop and the orders coming through, so please share with family and friends. You will see that there is an option on the shop to 'collect' from school for staff members or school families.





HM Government

**NATIONAL COVID ALERT**

**STAY HOME**

**5 NOV - 2 DEC**

- ▶ Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work
- ▶ You must work from home if you can
- ▶ Avoid travel unless essential
- ▶ Schools and essential shops will remain open
- ▶ Remember: wash hands, cover face, make space

Find the latest guidance and exemptions at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES**

NHS

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### Monitor for COVID-19 Symptoms:



- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste