

SCS Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

We hope you are well as we come to the end of the first week back after half term. The engagement in learning across the onsite and virtual school classrooms was notably brighter with the fantastic Spring weather throughout this week.

World Book Day

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World Book Day is an exciting annual event for our school community. This year, World Book Day is on 4th March 2021. Teachers are contacting families to share their ideas for activities because this will be different for each curriculum pathway, and also for the virtual school classrooms. We invite all pupils to dress up as their favourite characters as we celebrate the power of books for communication, sensory literacy, reading, story-telling, and imaginative play.

We have a book voucher for every pupil to collect their free 'World Book Day' book. We will send this to all families during the week of 8th March as we transition every class back to school.

Our £1
books
line-up
for 2021



<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

8th March – 12th March Transition Week Back to School

The Prime Minister confirmed the date for the re-opening of schools within the roadmap for the end of lockdown. We put planning into place for this so that we can ensure the transition will support the changes your child will experience. All of the pupils will experience the difference in routines, structures, and expectations for learning. Every family received a letter outlining the transition week for your child. We will resend this next week alongside a confirmation of your child's bubble zone. Families that drop off their children to the school will also

receive an additional letter outlining your child's bubble arrival and collection time. Thank you for working with us so that we can get this process right for our school community.

Vaccinations

We now have 71% of staff vaccinated and continue to register staff members on a daily basis. The school has also ensured the Caterlink school dinners team and Camden transport teams access the vaccination programme. This is a strong position for us as we return from this particular lockdown. Our NHS Team has provided us with useful videos to support understanding of the COVID-19 vaccine, and this is in different languages.

- COVID-19 Vaccine Information in English (short version) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaYdDHGFZH8>
- COVID-19 Vaccine Information in English (full length) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQcJrkHj5Ts&t=32s>
- COVID-19 Vaccine Information in Urdu (full length) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWL86XGMSMg&t=51s>
- COVID-19 Vaccine Information in Bengali (full length) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uoKTLX7lxs>
- 'We have had the vaccine' video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQxhvJrokos>

A parent at our school, Dr Ana Pokrajac, is also featured in a video that provides information about the COVID-19 and the vaccination. This useful video is: https://youtu.be/oYnWE_DR0nE

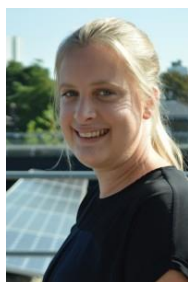
Information on the government's 4-step plan to end lockdown is located here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021>.

We hope you have a good weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



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



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus e-newsletter at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

Today: Virtual COVID-19 event for London's Somali community

Tonight (Thursday 25 February) from 7.30 to 9pm, join GPs, community leaders and public health experts at an information session for London's Somali community. Hosted by presenter and broadcaster Abdihafid Mahamud Jama, topics include staying safe during the pandemic; what to do if you catch COVID-19; information about the COVID-19 vaccine; and more. To attend, you can dial in from a landline or mobile phone on **+44 203 481 5237**, via Zoom us02web.zoom.us/j/84065404338 with webinar ID **840 6540 4338** or at youtube.com/CamdenCouncil. To submit questions in advance, please email Martha.Daniels@camden.gov.uk

COVID-19 vaccine for unpaid carers

If you are the main carer for a family member, partner or friend whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill, you may now be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. This is in line with the Government's priority list for vaccination, which has now moved to include unpaid carers (sometimes called 'informal' carers) who are adults and young carers age 17 and 18 (priority group 6). Please make sure you are registered with a GP as an unpaid/informal carer so they can contact you about this. For support in your caring role, visit camden.gov.uk/carersupport

Anyone aged 64 or over, or clinically extremely vulnerable, can book their own appointment at a local vaccination centre by calling **119** for free or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirus-vaccine

Please continue to follow all public health advice, whether or not you have been vaccinated.

Please celebrate Purim safely

Happy Purim to all of those celebrating, and thank you for everything you continue to do to keep Camden safe.

With cases of coronavirus high across London, it's crucial that you continue to follow the rules to keep yourself and loved ones safe. This means celebrating at home, with your household or support bubble.



On Monday (22 February) the Government published its phased approach to ending lockdown. This begins with schools and colleges returning from 8 March, along with indoor visits for a single named visitor in care homes.

I know these changes will be a welcome relief to those who have not been able to see loved ones over lockdown, and for parents and carers who have done an incredible job to support their children. However,

there are still many unknowns ahead. Many residents and businesses are still struggling. As a council we continue to be here for you and you can contact us on **020 7074 4444 (option 9)** if you need support with accessing food, medicine or other services.

And while there is light at the end of the tunnel, restrictions will not be eased unless the data on infection rates and vaccine uptake are heading in the right direction. As a community we have done so much to get to this point – it is therefore so important that we all continue to follow the rules, and get the vaccine when it's our turn.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Schools and colleges reopen from 8 March



The Council is working closely with Camden schools to ensure they are supported and ready to begin face-to-face lessons for all pupils from 8 March.

All schools will update their risk assessments and work closely with Camden Learning, local Public Health colleagues and trade

unions to ensure the necessary safety measures are in place to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible.

Your child's school will be in contact with you about their arrangements. Visit camden.gov.uk/schools-children-and-families for more details.

No symptoms but must leave home for work?

Free, rapid tests with results in 45 minutes are available to any adult who:

- Lives or works in Camden, **and**
- Doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms, **and**
- Must leave the house to go to work or have regular close contact with others through caring or volunteer responsibilities.

Book at camden.gov.uk/rapidtest or call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

Got symptoms?

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate and book a free test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call **119**. Do not go to a rapid test centre.

Stay home, save lives



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



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly



Keep 2 metres apart from people outside your household or support bubble

For more information, including on the Government's four-step plan to ease lockdown, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

camden.gov.uk/coronavirus 020 7974 4444 (option 9)



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