



Swiss
Cottage
School
Development &
Research Centre

SCS Newsletter

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

We value the role of movement, dance, yoga, and sports in the physical development and wellbeing of our pupils. This is an important part of the curriculum and weekly timetable.

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Every year, we focus on this area as a school during the National 'Red Nose Day' charity appeal. Red Nose Day was on Friday, 19th March and we extended the theme into this school week to bring the theme of movement across all classes. It was fantastic to observe the energy and challenge the pupils engaged with through different activities that also promoted their collaboration as a class team.

'Recovery' Curriculum Displays

Our school community have welcomed coming back together over these last few weeks, with a focus on strands within our 'Recovery' Curriculum. Our Pupil Voice has continued to be a valued and recognised part of our curriculum and life. Key aspects of our pupil experience vital to our recovery have been captured in some of these displays. We hope you enjoy these as much as we do!



Home Testing – Lateral Flow Test Kits for Asymptomatic Testing

We have volunteered to take part in a pilot from Camden Local Authority and the Department of Health and Social Care. The pilot will allow us to offer household home test kits to families once the delivery comes to us. We plan on sending the home test kit to you in your child's bag on transport or when you pick them up so that it reaches you safely. It will include a letter that explains how to complete home testing for your family. We are waiting for the delivery and will provide you with an

update by text next week on the day that the kits will go home. You are not required to complete the testing – it is a resource to help you and your family.

We previously shared a link for you to order home test kits for your child if they are aged 11-19

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

<https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Letter-to-Families-4.3.21.pdf>

Camden Local Authority: Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Pupils that receive 'free school meals' are offered access to activity programmes and a healthy meal during the Easter holiday period by a Department for Education funded initiative. Camden Local Authority have organised this and your child's letter and information packet is in your child's school bag if they qualify for free school meals. It is also able to be viewed here:

<https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/letter-from-camden-la-free-easter-activities-and-meals-for-pupils-with-free-school-meals/>

Term Dates

The final day of the Spring Term is Wednesday, 31st March 2021.

The first day of the Summer Term is Monday, 19th April 2021.

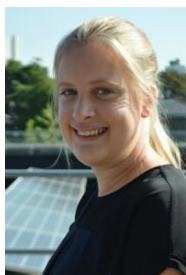
<https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/forparents/term-dates/>

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



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Principal



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Vice Principal



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Useful Information:

Transition 'Recovery Curriculum': <https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/swiss-cottage-school-curriculum-focus/>

Government Roadmap out of Lockdown: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>



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 enewsletter for regular service updates, news and support at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

Changes to lockdown restrictions from Monday

From Monday (29 March), lockdown restrictions will be eased slightly and you'll no longer be asked to stay at home. From this date, while you can still only socialise indoors with your household or bubble, outdoor gatherings of 6 people **or** 2 households will be allowed – including in private gardens. Please remember that people are still catching the virus every day, so you must continue to follow the rules:

- Wash your hands regularly
- Wear a face covering, unless exempt
- Stay 2 metres apart from others

For more information, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

Celebrate Passover safely

This weekend marks the start of Passover. For those celebrating, please do remember to do so safely, and in line with the latest rules. Thank you for all that you're doing to keep Camden safe.

Book your COVID-19 vaccine appointment today

If you fall into one of these categories, you're eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccine now:

- Aged 50 and over
- People, or carers of people, who are clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable – including people who live with a severe mental illness
- Care home staff or patients
- Health and social care workers
- People with a learning disability

Book your appointment at nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine, call **119** for free, or speak to your GP.

Contact Camden Council if you need support

The team at Camden Council's dedicated coronavirus helpline has been supporting residents throughout the pandemic, and continue to be here for anyone who is struggling. Please don't hesitate to get in touch on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



Mental health



Housing



Finances



Accessing food



Self-isolating



This week, people across Camden and the country have been reflecting on the challenges of the past 12 months. One year ago, the country shut down in response to COVID-19. Since then, many families have tragically lost loved ones, and others have spent months in intensive care or battled long COVID. Many have suffered physically, financially and emotionally.

The virus has exposed the deep, longstanding inequalities in our society. It will take time, compassion and hard work to move forward towards a brighter and more normal time – but the strength we have seen during these difficult times suggests more than ever that when we work together we can achieve anything.

We cannot thank enough the incredible NHS staff, frontline workers, carers, community leaders, volunteers and indeed everyone who has made sacrifices to keep themselves and others safe. Our focus now must be to do everything we can to continue to keep infection rates down. The vaccine rollout is going well, so please do get yours when it's your turn. The ongoing public health advice also still stands – please protect yourselves, and others, as we move into spring and towards a renewed sense of hope for Camden.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

**we
make
Camden**

**Nominate local
organisations**

Help celebrate local organisations and groups that have made a difference to our communities in Camden since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Throughout these challenging times, so many organisations and groups have stepped up to support their communities and make sure that no one gets left behind. From delivering food parcels, to setting up online activities, to keeping in touch with elderly and vulnerable people, every contribution has made a real difference.

To recognise these incredible contributions, you can now nominate a Camden-based organisation or group to be featured as part of the We make Camden campaign, including in this newspaper.

To nominate, email camdentalking@camden.gov.uk listing the name of the organisation or group, and why you have nominated them.

Council tax

You should now have received your council tax bill for the new financial year, starting on 1 April 2021. If you're worried about your ability to pay council tax or want to find out more about Council Tax Support, please call Camden Council on **020 7974 6414** so that they can help. If you're struggling with anything else, call the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus

Support and advice for people who privately rent

If you rent privately and are struggling to pay your rent, need advice on your rights as a private tenant, or have already received an eviction notice and been asked to leave your home, Camden Council can help. Call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit camden.gov.uk/private-renters-help-covid

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[Click here for more information](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)



The children's A&E at the Royal Free Hospital will REOPEN from 9am on 12 April 2021

If your child is under 18 years old and needs urgent healthcare, call NHS 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk to find your nearest children's A&E. For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 immediately.



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Working in partnership

Dental Health Advice for Parents/Carers & Easter Holiday Dental workshops for Children

Venue: Join online Zoom

Camden Learning is inviting you to schedule meetings.

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 10:30 to 11:30
Parents/Carers of Babies and Toddlers 10:30 to 11:30
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82868177195?pwd=eWJ3Wmt6dUR0cERyYk1BOWhPM0JlZz09>
Meeting ID: 828 6817 7195
Passcode: 422955


Friday 9th April 2021 at 10:30-11:00
Children's Easter Dental Workshop Sessions 3yrs to 6 years
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81370856020?pwd=RjRpNE1DRnZNYlYyUVRZSmplalNsUT09>
Meeting ID: 813 7085 6020
Passcode: 412105

Monday 12th April 2021 at 10:30-11:15
Children's Easter Dental Workshop Sessions 7yrs old & over
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84918439763?pwd=Qms1bEltRvNjI1UjZlRGttQ3BUQT09>
Meeting ID: 849 1843 9763
Passcode: 456704

19th April 2021 13:00-14:00
Dental advice for Parents/Carers of SEND Children
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87131472910?pwd=b0d1cnhLOW1xZCtHQ1FxaHNRK0lodz09>
Meeting ID: 871 3147 2910
Passcode: 046508

26th April 2021 10:00-11:00
Dental Health Advice - Parents/ Carers
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82051364952?pwd=dGIOSUwrU0hoZXU1Y2s5Lysvb0dsdz09>
Meeting ID: 820 5136 4952
Passcode: 280062

Note: For further information: Please contact Nicola Ramnarine on:
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[Click here for more information.](#)

