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# SCS Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Thank you for your patience and support as we responded to the unexpected flooding on Monday evening. We were so pleased that pupils were able to return yesterday after two days of Virtual School. The transition week was able to continue as planned. It is wonderful to observe the pupils learning within next year's classroom environment with their new class group. Preparing them for some of the changes will put us in such a strong position for September.

## In this Newsletter

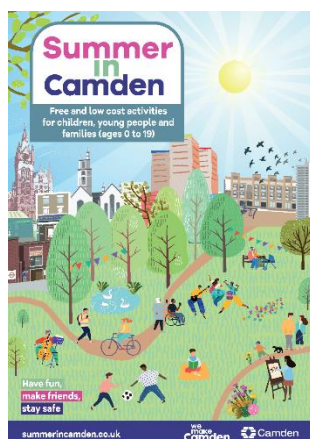
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**School Values:** The pandemic continues to have quite an impact on society. The strength of our partnership helped us make sure what we did was right for 'us' as a community. We want to end the year with a reflection on the values we feel represent this very special community. Teachers will create activities next week so that the pupils can tell us what they feel describes their school. Our staff team will do this through our end of year reflection. We invite all families to take part.

Please reflect on three words you would use to describe our school. Share those three words with us in the end of year electronic survey. We will share our new school values in September to the entire school community.

**End of Year July Survey:** We are keen to have your views as we complete the 'values' exercise and prepare for September. Please complete this survey to support that process:  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/5U7XF5/>

**End of Year Report:** Your child's 'End of Year Report' has two parts. The 'Evidence for Learning' journal which is electronic, and the teacher report which is printed. The Evidence for Learning journal link will be uploaded to your account next week. The Teacher Report will be sent home in your child's bag on Monday. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or comments.



**Summer in Camden – Message from Camden Local Authority:** Summer 2021 is here, and Camden Council are excited about giving Camden's children and young people the best summer ever. We are delighted to offer the opportunity for our vibrant community to come together safely to enjoy an ambitious programme of fun and memorable activities.

This summer we want to offer additional activities, expanded experiences and bringing everything that is on offer for local children, young people and families together in one place, within our Summer in Camden programme.

[Click here for more information.](#)



**Wac Arts Summer Schools:** The theme for this year's Summer school is Recovery. Through movement, nature and connection, we want our young people to have fun and feel energised for the year ahead. For more information and to apply, please visit: [www.wacarts.co.uk/what-we-do/holiday-programmes](http://www.wacarts.co.uk/what-we-do/holiday-programmes)

We wish all of our families a safe weekend before we enter the final week of the school year.

Yours Sincerely,  
The Senior Leadership Team



Vijita Patel  
Principal



Becky Shaw  
Vice Principal



Mia Dodsworth  
Vice Principal



Lucy Hall  
Assistant Principal




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Assistant Principal  
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Manager



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## Term Dates & Diary

Autumn Term 2020

**Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 18th December 2020**  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020: **First day for pupils**  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020: **Staff training day – No school for pupils**  
 Half-Term: **Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020**  
 Friday 18th December 2020: **Last day for pupils**  
 Winter Holiday: **Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021**

Spring Term 2021

**Monday 4th January to Wednesday 31st March 2021**  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021: **Staff training day – No school for pupils**  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021: **First day for pupils**  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021: **Staff training day – No school for pupils**  
 Half-Term: **Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021**  
 Wednesday 31st March 2021: **Last day for pupils**  
 Spring Holiday: **Thursday 1st April to Friday 16th April 2021**

Summer Term 2021

**Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd July 2021**  
 May Day Bank Holiday: **Monday 3rd May 2021 – No school for pupils**  
 Half-Term: **Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021**  
 Friday 23rd July: **Last day for pupils**



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 Half-Term: **Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021**  
 Friday 17th December 2021: **Last day for pupils**  
 Winter Holiday: **Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022**

Spring Term 2022

**Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April 2022**  
 Tuesday 4th January 2022: **First day for pupils**  
 Friday, 28th January: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**  
 Half-Term: **Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022**  
 Friday 1st April 2022: **Last day for pupils**  
 Spring Holiday: **Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April 2022**

Summer term 2022

**Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22nd July 2022**  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022: **First day for pupils**  
 Monday 2nd May 2022: **May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils**  
 Half-Term: **Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022**  
 Monday, 4th July 2022: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**  
 Friday 22nd July: **Last day for pupils**  
 Summer Holiday: **Monday 25th July 2022**

[Click here to view term dates](#)



# 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](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- Check out [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://facebook.com/LBCamden) and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

 **SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus enewsletter at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

## Coronavirus cases are rising

Even if you think you'll be fine if you catch coronavirus, you could pass it on to someone who could get seriously ill, so please keep following the rules to protect yourself and others.

- Get your free COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible – book at [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine), call **119**, or see details about walk-in events below
- Regularly wash your hands 
- Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor spaces, unless exempt 
- Stay 2 metres from others 
- Socialising indoors? Keep windows open to dilute infectious particles 
- Get a regular rapid test (for people without symptoms) to check you're COVID-free before meeting others 

Got symptoms? Self-isolate for 10 days and get tested by visiting [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or calling **119**

**!** Please remember the current restrictions aren't being lifted until 19 July, so please keep following them carefully. We strongly advise you to keep following this advice after this date to help keep yourself and others safe.

## Rapid COVID-19 tests for people without symptoms

You can still catch or spread COVID-19 and not have symptoms, even after being vaccinated. A free, rapid test twice a week will prevent you passing COVID-19 on to others and helps stop the spread. You get results in 30 minutes. To find your closest test site, home test pick-up or delivery options, visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) or call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

## Get vaccinated without an appointment

If you'd prefer to just turn up to get your COVID-19 vaccine, there are many walk-in events happening across Camden. To find one near you, visit [camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine](https://camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine) or call the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

## COVID-19 vaccine second dose advice

Please remember that you can only get your second dose of the vaccine 8 weeks after your first dose, and it must be the same vaccine as you had previously. Unless you're advised otherwise by your GP, please don't attend a vaccination event to get your second dose until you're eligible.



I want to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone in Camden for their role since the pandemic began. The strength of spirit demonstrated, from following public health guidance to protect our communities, to looking out for neighbours when they needed it most, has undoubtedly saved lives.

While 19 July signals a new phase, it is not the end of this deadly virus. COVID-19 cases are still rapidly rising. Please remember that if you catch the virus, you could pass it on to someone else, even if you are vaccinated. The sooner everyone is double vaccinated, the safer we will all be, so please get both doses as soon as possible.

After 19 July, you will still be required to wear a face covering on public transport in London, unless exempt. We also strongly advise you to keep following advice around washing your hands, wearing a face covering in other busy indoor and outside areas, keeping a safe distance, and ventilating indoor spaces to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please also remember that some residents may be feeling nervous, overwhelmed or frightened about restrictions easing for a variety of reasons. So please continue being kind to others, and do all you can to keep yourselves and others safe.

**Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council**

## Camden Council is here for you

With coronavirus cases rising, the furlough scheme coming to an end soon and changes to Universal Credit due in the autumn, Camden Council knows it is an uncertain time. If you need support with mental health, finances, housing or self-isolating, you're at risk or experiencing domestic violence or abuse, or if there's anything else on your mind, contact the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**. You can also visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) for advice.

## Support small businesses: shop local, shop safely

Camden's small businesses and high streets are part of what makes the borough the unique and exciting place that it is. Shop local to support Camden's businesses and venues and remember to follow the guidance in-store to help keep yourself and others safe. To find out more, visit [camden.gov.uk/highstreets](https://camden.gov.uk/highstreets)

## Summer in Camden

After a year like no other, the school summer holiday is approaching. Camden Council and local partners are excited to offer children, young people and families an amazing range of free and low-cost activities. These include sport, arts and cultural activities, as well as life skills and support. Find out more at [summerincamden.co.uk](https://summerincamden.co.uk)

This is part of a wider programme of summer events across Camden. Keep an eye out for information – from music, dance and art, to enjoying our green spaces and high streets, there's something for everyone to enjoy safely.



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