

# SCS Newsletter



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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

We were so pleased to welcome governors back to the school provision this week for two days of 'Learning Walks'. The Learning Walks are structured with a focus set of criteria questions to assess engagement in learning, climate for learning, classroom environments, use of technology, and school ethos.

"All of the learners I met were happy and engaged. The teachers were universally committed and caring. Very impressive." - Chair of Teaching School Committee Professor Brian Butterworth

"It was great to see the Post-16. It was absolutely buzzing. The young people were very happy and it was clear to see their enjoyment engaging in the EmployMEnt Pathway. Also experienced a small group of children engaging in a phonics session at the library. There was a real sense of pride being able to "show" off some reading skills."

- Co-opted Governor / Parent Maria Schultz

"I loved seeing PLIMs on displays in the classrooms - they were clear and differentiated for all children. Staff working on targets with children and when spoken to could describe well what they were doing and why. The children were so focused in learning!" - Vice Chair of Provision and Wellbeing Committee Governor Tina Murray

"The school appears to be very organised and very thoughtful solutions for many of the COVID-19 challenges and issues." - Parent Governor Andrea Zisman

"The school felt safe, kind, loving educational space that was full of differentiation." - Parent Governor Karen Rodrigues-Ayers

"The school feels friendly and functional. It still feels like a Centre of Excellence, despite COVID restrictions, with respect to learning, play, life skills and communication. The climate of learning rests on excellence throughout. Key positives were communication techniques ranging from PECs Boards and pictures to the use of technology, Evidence for Learning, and iPads for learning." - Co-Opted Governor & Parent Sadia Mahmud-Marshall

"Staff supported pupils to engage in learning very effectively. The climate felt very conducive to learning. The principles of the Education Recovery were very evident. Tasks appeared to be guided by pupils as well where appropriate." - Vice Chair of Governing Board Steve Thompson



The governors observed the Early Years Foundation Stage classes focus on personalised learning with an emphasis on communication allowing for pupil independence, ownership of learning and facilitation of therapeutic interventions. The governors observed the Informal Pathway showcasing personalised pupil centred learning through technology and the role of Alternative Augmentative Communication methods. This was in conjunction with the use of Evidence for Learning to celebrate learning, detailed assessment and next steps. Governors observed the Semi-Formal and Formal Pathway lessons focusing on literacy and communication across the curriculum through targeted lesson activities. They also had an opportunity to observe pupils engaging in a phonics session in the school library. The governors learning walk also involved a focus on the way teachers set the Personal Learning Intention Maps (PLIMs) for learners and discussions on the assessment cycle to ensure moderation and monitoring of those targets. The governors ended their learning walk with the Post-16 provision and our EmployMEnt Pathway, which included observations of pupils undertaking work-related tasks in the Art Room.

EmployMEnt Pathway items designed, created, packaged, and sold by pupils for the School Charity via this link:

<https://employme-card-design.myshopify.com/>

## Everyone's Included – Celebrating Diversity and Community Inclusion

Next week is School Diversity Week. Classes across the school will be exploring a different theme each day to explore what makes us all unique and special. By developing an understanding of difference we can appreciate and value the contribution we all make to the community of our school and the world we live in. On Friday classes will share what they have been learning in bubble assemblies.



**Wonderful Me** – Celebrating who we are

**Family** – Celebrating different types of families

**Friendships and Relationships** – Exploring friendships throughout life

**Staying Healthy and Well** – Promoting physical and emotional wellbeing.

**Connection and Community** – Having fun and being safe

## Crick Software: Free Training Webinars for Parents

Learn how you can use Clicker to support your child. In this 30-minute session, our Customer Experience Consultant Gemma will cover:



- Using Clicker to support your child's literacy
- Sharing Clicker files with your child's school
- Accessing the pre-made Clicker Sets

This webinar is intended for the Clicker novice, we'll be covering all the basics to help you get started. Registrants can join the webinar from 3:30pm onward, but it will start promptly at 3:45pm.

Thursday 24th June 2021 - 3:45pm to 4:15pm BST

[Click here to register.](#)

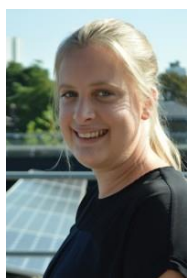
We wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

The Senior Leadership Team



Vijita Patel  
Principal



Becky Shaw  
Vice Principal



Mia Dodsworth  
Vice Principal



Lucy Hall  
Assistant Principal



Laura Fawcett  
Assistant Principal  
(Lower)



Matthew Maguire  
Assistant Principal  
(Upper)



Rima Blakaj  
School Business  
Manager



## 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 and Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

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

### Coronavirus cases are rising – please follow the rules

Coronavirus cases are rising – and they are rising fastest amongst 18 to 29 year olds. Additionally, more people are being hospitalised with the virus. It's so important to keep following the rules to keep yourself, your friends and your family safe and to prevent you passing it on to someone who could get seriously ill:

- Enjoy the warmer weather and socialise outdoors
- Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, unless exempt
- Stay 2 metres from those outside your household or public
- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly
- Socialising indoors? Keep windows open to make the space and air circulate

Thank you for all you're doing to keep Camden safe.

### You can still catch or spread COVID-19 if you don't have symptoms

Getting a rapid lateral flow test (for people without symptoms) twice a week to check your COVID-19 status, reducing before going to work, or meeting up with friends or family, will prevent you passing the virus on to others without knowing. To find your closest test site, home test pick-up or delivery options, visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest)

### Get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you're eligible

If you're 21 or over and haven't had your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please book your appointment as soon as possible. The more people that get vaccinated, the faster we can get the rise in coronavirus cases under control. Book your first appointment now:

- Call 119 for free
- Visit [nhs.uk/coronavirus/vaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus/vaccine)
- Not interested with a GP? Email [ncdcg.covid-19.vaccine@nhs.net](mailto:ncdcg.covid-19.vaccine@nhs.net)
- Need support to book? Call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9)

Please also make sure you have your **second dose** as soon as you're eligible to ensure maximum protection against the virus, and especially the Delta variant. For more information, visit [nhs.uk/coronavirus/vaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus/vaccine)

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## Term Dates & Diary

### Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Thursday 2nd September 2021: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Friday 3rd September 2021: First day for pupils

Monday 18th October: Staff training day – no school for pupils

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 22nd January 2022: 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 19th 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 2022: Last day for pupils

Summer Holiday: Monday 25th July 2022

[Click here to view term dates](#)

## Virtual Preparing for Adulthood Clinic

8<sup>TH</sup> July 9:30am-12:30pm

Virtual clinic for parents of children from 13 years old. This is an opportunity to meet with social care practitioners to discuss your child's journey into adulthood and any questions you may have about the process. We will make available 9 20-minute slots.

Should you require an interpreter please inform us in advance.

To book a slot contact Rebecca Coleman on [rebecca.coleman@camden.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.coleman@camden.gov.uk)

Or on 0207 974 1799 (Monday – Thursday)

Clinics will run every half term

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## SAFE HAVEN BASKETBALL

### A LEARNING DISABILITY BASKETBALL CLUB

Open to all 12 – 25 year olds

COME AND JOIN US!  
For sport, friends and fun  
New members are always welcome

WHEN AND WHERE  
NEW SATURDAY SESSIONS  
At Handyside Sports Hall  
Kings Cross, N1C 4BE  
2.30 to 4.00 pm weekly  
YOUR FIRST SESSION IS FREE

TO FIND OUT MORE  
Facebook: [safehavenbasketball](https://www.facebook.com/safehavenbasketball)  
Contact: Emma on 0203 377 7600  
Or email [emma@safehavenbasketball.co.uk](mailto:emma@safehavenbasketball.co.uk)

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## CAMDEN Special Parents Forum SUMMER Calendar 2021

Welcome to our SUMMER Calendar of events, workshops and socially distanced meet-ups for anyone in Camden with a child or young person (0-25 years) with special needs.

We will continue our COVID-friendly programme so that we can still "meet" and support each other whilst trying to gather views on how SEND services in Camden could be shaped. Please join us!

**2020 Coffee Mornings** are a chance to meet other parents for a chat & to share advice and info. Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.

**Workshops** are held each term on different subjects, currently on Zoom.

**Forum Meetings** are when we get together as parents with different professionals from services in and around Camden – ask questions, get updates and give feedback.

You will need to book in to get Zoom links & join our sessions. To book onto anything in our calendar below, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch: [Rachel.Dixon@camden.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.Dixon@camden.gov.uk) or [Marie.Schall@camden.gov.uk](mailto:Marie.Schall@camden.gov.uk). Text or call Maria on 0203 671 523 or Rachel on 07733 767 226. We are on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum](https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum) and Twitter @CamdenSPForum

Month	Date	Event
April	21 Wed	Sleep Wise Webinar 10.30-12pm (limited tickets available)
	22 Thur	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	24 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
May	5 Wed	Parent Expert Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	10 Mon	EP Parent Discussion Group 5-7pm
	12 Wed	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	17 Mon	CPSP forum meeting 10-12pm on ZOOM
	20 Thur	Preparing for Adulthood event series (part 2 in your diary – info to follow)
	24 Mon	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	26 Wed	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
June	25 Tue	EHF Needs Assessment Workshop with SENDIASS 10.30-12pm on ZOOM
	26 Wed	Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
July	5 Wed	Speech and language Therapy Workshop "Total Communication" 10.30-12.30pm on ZOOM
	14 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	22 Thur	EP Parent Discussion Group 5-7pm
	29 Mon	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
August	10 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	12 Mon	CPSP forum meeting 12-2pm on ZOOM

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