



Swiss  
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# SCS Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Our Recovery Curriculum has an ongoing focus on well-being.

The cross-curriculum nature project for Mental Health Awareness Week is a great example of the role of thematic learning to promote mindfulness, sensory regulation, and engagement for learning.

Pupils enjoyed exploring the gardening learning activities.

Classes also explored a multisensory nature experience. The Sixth Form pupils continued with their fantastic ceramics work by imprinting leaves to create nature inspired patterns.

We are so proud of the creativity the pupils have also reflected during the link to the national focus.

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## Vaccinations

The government has continued the steps out of the pandemic lockdown as the national vaccination programme continues to be offered to all over the age of 35.

This is in addition to the priority group vaccinations for those with special educational needs or additional vulnerabilities.

We are pleased to confirm that 85% of our staff engaged with the priority group vaccination programme, with 80% already double vaccinated. Our twice weekly lateral flow testing also continues in addition to this.

We are asking families to complete a survey that invites you to share if your child has accessed the vaccination programme. This information would be kept securely within our protected school information system and used for our school risk assessment process.

The survey is located here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PupilVaccinationSurvey/>

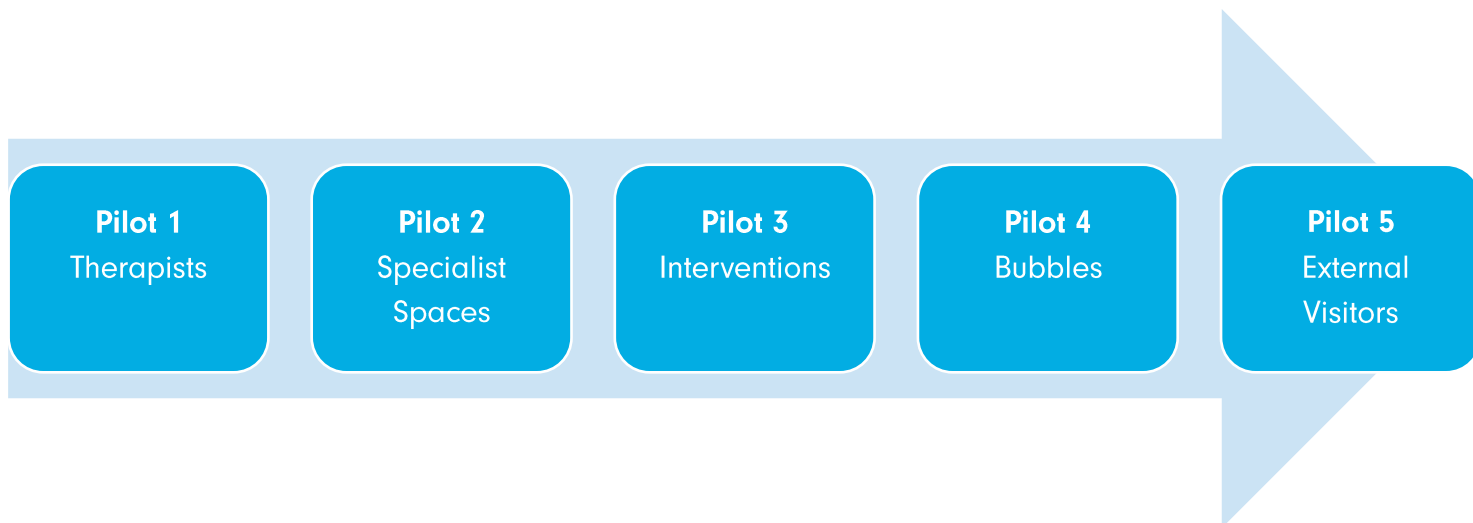
## Our School's Roadmap

The school continues to have the highest safety measures in place. We are preparing five pilots to support changes in our school prior to the summer holidays.

We are taking small steps so that the safety of our pupils and staff remains in line with the government guidance for special schools.

The current elevated hygiene measures, use of PPE, regular handwashing, antibacterial gel stations, and allocated times for lunch and play will continue.

We are sharing an overview of the pilots. Three take place before half term and two take place after half term.



**Pilot 1, 2, 3:** 24<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Pilot 1:** The NHS therapists have worked closely with us to support key elements of the EHCP through the bubble zone safety measures. From next week, the therapists will return to the classrooms so that the therapeutic provision can take place in the way it did before. The majority of therapists are also vaccinated through the priority group vaccination programme, and also receive twice weekly lateral flow testing.



**Pilot 2:** The specialist spaces (sensory rooms, hydrotherapy, etc) were either closed or timetabled to specific pupils on bubble zone safety measures. From next week, we are going to pilot the use of the hydrotherapy for specific cohorts in the Informal Pathway. Sensory rooms will also be timetabled for use across classes in the bubble.

**Pilot 3:** Interventions for pupils are currently taking place within the bubble zones. From next week, we will also pilot this taking place in the Sports Hall. The pupils will be timetabled by their bubble group to ensure we are not crossing bubbles during an intervention session.

#### **Pilot 4 and 5: 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**Pilot 4:** After Half term we will be reducing the number of bubbles by bringing specific bubbles together.

The school will move from 7 bubble zones to 5 bubble zones. The smallest bubbles will come together. They will not exceed our largest bubble zones.

- Three bubbles stay the same: Purple, Sky Blue, Pink
- Green and Dark Blue will come together.
- Black and Orange will come together.

This is based on their locations in the school. Bringing these smaller bubbles together will promote more access to specialist spaces and more opportunities with the playground schedule. This will also support Local Authority bubble transport groups due to the heightened traffic since lockdown transition begin in the community.

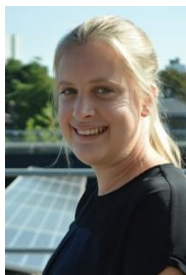
We will write to all families next week to confirm your child's bubble zone. If you bring your child to school this will also include an update on the adjusted arrival / departure times for each bubble.

Wishing our school community a safe weekend.

Yours Sincerely,  
The Senior Leadership Team



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Principal



Becky Shaw  
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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](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- Check the rolling news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil) and Facebook [facebook.com/LB Camden](https://facebook.com/LB Camden)
- Speak to the Council at 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)



It's inspiring to hear that so many residents have already had one or both doses of their COVID-19 vaccine – the NHS is doing a fantastic job in the roll-out across the borough.

Over 98,892 residents have had at least one dose of the vaccine – and a total of 149,458 vaccination doses have been delivered in Camden. It is a phenomenal achievement – but there is still more work to do.

It's really important that as many people as possible are vaccinated against COVID-19. This is because the vaccine gives you good protection from serious illness, and makes it less likely that you will pass on the virus to others. The more people who are vaccinated, the less likely it is that the virus can spread in our communities. Getting more people vaccinated could also help prevent the virus mutating and producing unknown new variants.

Please be assured the vaccine is safe and effective – you can visit our website for updated facts and more information at [camden.gov.uk/covid-vaccines](https://camden.gov.uk/covid-vaccines)

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

## Coronavirus restrictions have eased

Coronavirus restrictions eased slightly on Monday (17 May) – these are the latest rules:

- You can socialise outdoors in groups of up to 30 people.
- You can socialise indoors in groups of up to 6 people or 2 households – keep windows open to prevent the spread of coronavirus.
- Indoor hospitality and entertainment has reopened and exercise classes have resumed – please enjoy them safely.

Even though cases of coronavirus are currently low in London, there are still people catching the virus every day. Please keep following public health advice to prevent catching or passing on the virus.



## Make rapid testing part of your routine

**"Getting a rapid test provides me with some security. It takes very little time to do and I can get on with my day."** Adina-Laura Muresan – tested at Jamestown Road.

Around one in three people with COVID-19 have no symptoms. If you do not have symptoms, you should get regular rapid lateral flow tests to help prevent passing the virus on to others without knowing, and help to stop the spread.

Tests are free and you can expect results in 30-45 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 Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9)

If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate and book a PCR test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119

## Book your second dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine

The AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine remains safe and effective. While there have been reports of extremely rare cases of people developing blood clots after their first dose, there have been no safety concerns related to blood clots after the second dose. If you've already had your first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine without serious side effects, it's important to have your second for longer lasting protection against COVID-19. If you have any concerns, speak to your GP or vaccinator. If you're worried about side effects after having the vaccine, call 111 for free or your GP.

## Eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine? Book your appointment now

Call 119 for free

Visit [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine)

Need support to book? Call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9)

Not registered with a GP and/or do not have an NHS number? Email [ncl.covidvaccine@nhs.net](mailto:ncl.covidvaccine@nhs.net)

Aged 36 or over, or turning 36 before 1 July 2021? You can now book your vaccine.

## Book routine repairs online

Camden Council tenants can now report all routine repairs, such as dripping taps and noisy pipes. Save time by going online:


- Book repairs 24/7 at [camden.gov.uk/camdenaccount](https://camden.gov.uk/camdenaccount)
- Talk to the Council instantly and upload pictures of your repair using webchat from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, at [camden.gov.uk/housing-repairs](https://camden.gov.uk/housing-repairs)

You can also report routine repairs from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, on 020 7974 4444, option 3 then 1, but phone lines are expected to be very busy.

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[Click here for more information](#)



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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 18th 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](#)



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!

**Zoom 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@kids.org.uk or Maria.Schultz@kids.org.uk. Text or call Maria on 07826 671 523 or Rachel on 07711 767 258. We are on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and Twitter @CamdenSPForum**

Month	Event	Time
April	21 Wed	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	22 Thur	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	26 Mon	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
May	5 Wed	Parent Expert Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	9 Wed	EP Parent Discussion Group 1-2pm
	10 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	13 Wed	CPSP Forum meeting 10-12pm on ZOOM
	17 Mon	Preparing for Adulthood event week (Part 2 in your diary - info to follow)
	20 Thur	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	24 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
June	23 Tue	EHK Needs Assessment Workshop with SENDSASS 10.30-12pm on ZOOM
	26 Wed	Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	9 Wed	Speech and Language Therapy Workshop "Total Communication" 10.30-12.30pm on ZOOM
July	14 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	22 Tue	EP Parent Discussion Group 1-2pm
	26 Mon	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM

**July**

5 Tue
 CPSP forum meeting 12-2pm on ZOOM |

12 Mon
 Walk and Talk (and optional SWIM), 10.15-1pm, Hampstead Heath |

[Click here to view the full calendar](#)

