

Fleet Community Notices



Wednesday 22nd May 2024



New items this week...

On this page please advert to the right with a link to sponsor Tom Looney taking on the 3 Peak challenge—Tom does so much for the school through his link with Talacre, lets see if we can give him and Louise something back by supporting this challenge. The latest dates for your calendar are on page 2. Pages 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 details a secondary school moving on event for Year 4 & 5 parents. Pages 21, 22 and 23 have information on Half Term clubs running including Arsenal Football Camps, a Camden Music Camp and an Art Camp. Page 24 has the latest information sheet from National College as part of their Wake Up Wednesday series. This weeks is on the topic of School Avoidance—something that is more and more of an issue. Page 33 has information about a new chess club running at Keats Library. Page 29 has some information on a new initiative from the Camden Pop Up organisation with a Sharing Spaces programme and launch event. Have a look at the flyers on this page, looks like a really interesting initiative. The rest of the newsletter has a number of other links with local organisations you may have missed so please do take some time to look through.

Get Girls Moving—Talacre @ May Half Term

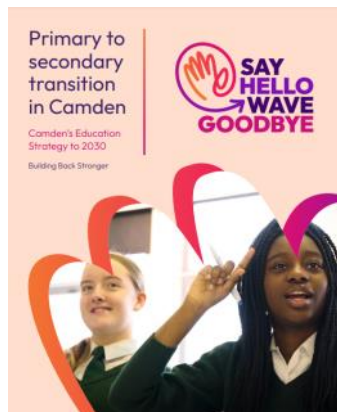
Girls Get Moving is an opportunity for girls aged 8 to 14 to get active in a safe place, socialise and develop new skills and most of all to have fun whilst taking part in their favourite activities. The range of free activities on offer includes trampolining, football, mini-tennis, table tennis, badminton, fun games and much more. It's taking place during half-term week at Talacre Community Sports Centre, Dalby Street, NW5 3AF, on Thursday 30 May from 4pm to 6pm. Participants need to complete the online form to register for Girls Get Moving May 2024 **by Friday 24 May** (see link below)

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NEqPXtsrVEi7QrTQx9AkBD-yviKkxdBMjUjudGNKcqFUNjNLME5DNVBFNIZJR0VCNkE2V0cySzlTRi4u>

Primary to Secondary Transition in Camden

Camden Learning has worked with Camden schools to create some useful guidance for parents on how to help your child in the move from primary to secondary school. Also see page 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20.

https://camdenlearning.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/20051_Camden-Learning-SHWG_Primary-to-secondary-transition-in-Camden-



Camden Cost of Living Advice and Support Booklet for Parents

We recently sent out via parent hub, a very useful booklet from Camden on the various types of support available to families to support through the current cost of living crisis. The QR code to the right, and the weblink below, take you to this booklet too. If you need any help or support understanding it or applying for anything, Lisa is happy to help—simply contact the office to make an appointment with her.



<https://shorturl.at/iqHT3>

Eid Event—Thurs 20th June

Look out for more information and requests for help in the coming weeks.



Good Luck Tom...sponsor him if you can!

Tom Looney (dad to Mickey) and two of his friends are climbing the 3 peaks this in half-term for Brain Research UK.



The reason they are taking on this challenge over 3 days by climbing a mountain a day is to attempt to raise more vital funds for Brain Research UK.

As many of you are already aware Tom's wife Louise is currently receiving treatment for brain cancer.

Brain cancer still remains the biggest killer of children and adults under the age of 40 all over the world. Yet brain cancer only receives 1% of government funding compared to other cancers. Brain research UK fund brain cancer research to help find a cure for this deadly illness! Let's all do what we can to help him. Follow this link to the just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/louise-looney-1713951333983>

Help us ensure school gets the funding we need from the government...

If you haven't done so already, please ensure that you apply for Free School Meals. Even though the Mayor is paying for your child's lunches, this is not the same as being entitled to Free School Meals. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be entitled, which means you will receive a discount on clubs and trips, as well as a school holiday voucher issued by Camden. Much of the funding we receive as a school, or that we can apply for, to provide your child's education is also dependent on this information. We need to make sure all the children who should be funded are. This funding is vital to school. You should apply by following this link:



camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Trips, Clubs, Book Bags & Donations

If you are having any problems accessing the online payment portal on ScoPay—or are not yet setup and would like to be, please do speak to Lisa in the office. You can now pay for all of these things online without having to bring in cash via the office and can also pay for a term of clubs without having to remember each week. Please note, the app version would not show the donation tab without there being a balance so we have put £1 here. This is not money you owe! It is simply there so it shows up allowing any who wish to make any size of donation to the school to be able to do so using the app. Thank you.

Dates for your diary this term...

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS


27th-31st May	Half Term week—School Closed
3rd June	Summer Term—second half starts—children back
10th June	INSET Day—School Closed
20th June	Eid Party 3:30-5pm
24-28th June	STEAM week
27th June	KS1 and KS2 Science Workshops with the Crick in school
12th July	Sports Day for KS1 and KS2 @ Running Track on the Heath (aim for 10am start)
16th July	End of year reports sent home
18th July	Open classroom—meet the teacher 3.30-5pm
24th July	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will give as much notice as we can. We need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via ParentHub closer to the date of a trip and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

NURSERY 2023-24

26th June	Trip to the Zoo
15th July	Reading Café
18th July	Class Tea After School

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs 20th June	Eid Celebration Event after school
Sat 20th July	Summer Fair—CHANGE OF DATE!!! 

RECEPTION 2023-24

27th June	Trip to the Zoo
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YEAR 4 2023-24

22nd May	Trip to Keats Library
13th June	Class Tea after school
14th June	Class Assembly
19th June	Trip to Kew Gardens

YEAR 1 2023-24

4th July	Class Tea after school
5th July	Class Assembly @ 10am
11th July	Trip to Kew Gardens

YEAR 5 2023-24

23rd May	Class Tea after school
24th May	Class Assembly @ 10am
19th June	Pedestrian Training Workshop
26th June	Trip to Keats Library
27th June	Trip to the Crick Institute
22nd July	Trip to Greenwich Observatory

YEAR 2 2023-24

21st June	Trip to the Zoo
27th June	Class Tea after school
28th June	Class Assembly @ 10am
19th July	Trip to Chalkwell Beach

YEAR 6 2023-24

3rd-7th June	Gower Residential Trip
13th June	Trip to UCS for Science
17th—28th June	Swimming everyday @ Kentish Town Pool
23rd July	Leavers Assembly @ 2pm
23rd July	Leavers BBQ 6-8pm

YEAR 3 2023-24

Every Friday am	Jogging on the Heath
23rd May	Trip to Talacre
21st June	Class Tea after school 
21st June	Class Assembly @ 10am
27th June	To Rhyl for Music Festival
4th July	Trip to Kew Gardens

Term Dates for 2023-24

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 16 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024
INSET DAY – School closed	Monday 10 th June
Last day of term	Wednesday 24 th July 2024 – close at 2pm

Term Dates for 2024-25

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st November 2024
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December 2024 – close at 2pm

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 17 th Feb – Friday 21 st Feb 2025
Last day of term	Friday 4 th April 2025 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Last day of term	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
2 nd half term			Monday 2 nd June 2025

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start.



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NOTE...

Make sure you also add your individual children, not just classes, to ensure you receive individual messages as well as class and school notices. If you have any queries speak with Lisa Tan via the school office!

Fleet Primary School

would like you to join their channel on Parent Hub.

Just tap “Add a School” in the app and enter the handle below...

@FleetPrimary

The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.



What is Parent Hub?



Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

Instructions for Parents



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose “Add a School” and enter the school handle (above).

Visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more

If you or any friends/family are tidying gardens and pruning trees please save and bring in any branches or logs for our Forest School. Any size! They are very useful for making dens and forest crafts. Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please pop over and speak to Rebecca Combes in Nursery.



Fleet's Forest School Request



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Music lessons at Fleet School

- Piano, Drum kit, Woodwind (recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone)
- Lessons take place during the school day
- Hire an instrument from Camden Music Service, or buy an instrument at a reduced rate

Getting started is easy!

Simply apply online

www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service



Or scan the QR code

020 7974 7239

camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk



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Have fun learning to play the drums at Fleet School

- Lessons will take place during the school day
- Taught by an experienced Camden Music Tutor
- Recommended for children in years 2 - 6

Getting started is easy!

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Message from Camden Music Service:



Half price instrument/singing lessons for children of families claiming housing benefit and council tax support

Universal Music Group has generously given us some money to help families of pupils in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) to pay for music lessons. **Priority will be given to those pupils already on instrument lesson waiting lists.**

Here are the instruments you can choose in this scheme (please note that not all schools can offer all instruments as for tutors to attend a school there needs to be a certain amount of children wanting to do a specific instrument.

Apply here: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/apply-for-music-lessons-in-school>

	<p>Violin <u>J.S Bach - "Chaconne" Partita No.2 by Esther Abrami - YouTube</u></p> <p>Usually plays the tune 'Small and light'</p>	<p>Percussion <u>Hyun-gi Lee - Garage Drummer - Percussion Final - BBC Young Musicians 2012 - YouTube</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxzK9CipS04</p> <p>Ideal if you want to play lots of different instruments, from small to large</p>	
	<p>Cello <u>Sheku Kanneh-Mason - No Woman, No Cry (Arr. Cello) [Studio Session] - YouTube</u></p> <p>Plays the lower accompaniment, usually large to carry, on your back</p>	<p>Ukulele <u>Jake Shimabukuro Performing Bohemian Rhapsody On HiSessions - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small and light to carry Easy to write songs and sing along with</p>	
	<p>Recorder <u>BBC Young Musician 2012 - Charlotte Barbour-Condini (recorder) - Trotto (Anon.) - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small and light to carry Lots of different sizes from very low to very high You need lots of gentle breath control!</p>	<p>Guitar <u>BACH Sean Shibe BWV 997 (Development) - YouTube</u></p> <p>Can play the melody or strum chords Easy to write songs and sing along with You can play alone or in a band</p>	
	<p>Flute <u>Havana - Camila Cabello Flute Cover - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small and light to carry Needs a lot of breath! Held sideways</p>	<p>Voice / singing lessons</p>	
	<p>Clarinet <u>Introducing the Clarinet with Julian Bliss Discover Instruments Classic FM - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small and light to carry Needs a lot of breath!</p>	<p>Euphonium <u>Uptown Funk (Euphonium Loop) - Tubavisionary - YouTube</u></p> <p>Usually plays the lower accompaniment (not the tune) Be different and play this!</p>	
	<p>Saxophone <u>BBC Proms - Darius Milhaud: Scaramouche (Excerpt) - YouTube</u></p> <p>Large to carry, on your back Needs a lot of breath!</p>	<p>Trombone <u>GoPro on Trombone: Star Wars - Imperial March - YouTube</u></p> <p>Plays the lower accompaniment usually, although sometimes has the tune Large to carry</p>	
	<p>Trumpet <u>Alison Balsom - Autumn Leaves (Les Feuilles Mortes) - Live in London - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small to carry Needs a lot of breath</p>	<p>French Horn <u>Instrument: Horn - YouTube</u></p> <p>Medium sized Be different and play this!</p>	

Why learn music?

Learning a musical instrument can –

Support your child's literacy and numeracy

Help with concentration, co-ordination and mood

Lead to a career or be a lifelong, fulfilling activity where they will make friends.

How can you help?

Your child will need to practise regularly to make progress. At first this will mean setting aside 10 – 15 minutes three or four times a week (a regular time is best) but as your child progresses, they will need to practise most days, for longer. Younger children will need you to help them – you don't need to be musical, just be encouraging.

What else will help?

As soon as your child is able to play for more than a few minutes happily, and can play and read about eight notes, they could join one of our groups, make friends, and really develop their musicality.

Find out more here

www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres

and here

www.camden.gov.uk/music-service-ensembles

Terms and conditions

All Camden Music staff have enhanced DBS clearance.

Payment for lessons must be made in advance. Lessons can only begin once a payment is received. You may pay in two instalments. You must have paid the second instalment by half term.

We offer ten lessons per school term. Most terms have more than ten weeks. In the event of us not being able to offer ten lessons we will credit your account or make a refund for lessons missed. If the school is closed for reasons relating to COVID-19, lessons will be taught online. If you are unable to access online lessons, it may not be possible to make up the missed lessons and no refund will be given.

If the tutor is absent we will try to find a suitably qualified temporary replacement. If this is not possible and your child does not receive the number of lessons paid for that term, you will be reimbursed automatically after the end of the term.

In the event of a pupil not attending a lesson for any reason the tutor will make up the lesson, provided written notice has been given to both the tutor and to the Music Service three weeks before the missed lesson. If this is not possible, the cost of the missed lesson will be credited to your account. Lessons missed without three weeks' notice will not be made up and no refunds will be made.

Camden Music and/or the school will monitor the attendance and progress of pupils receiving free or subsidised lessons, and subsidy may be withdrawn if attendance is unsatisfactory.

If you wish to cancel tuition we require at least half a term's notice.

If you have any queries or require further information, please contact the Camden Music Service – 020 7974 7239 – camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk



- LESSONS IN SCHOOLS
- SATURDAY CENTRES
- SUNDAY GROUPS
- HOLIDAY COURSES

Camden Music is delighted to offer a wide range of one to one and shared music lessons in your school.

Getting started is easy!

Simply go to our website for more information and to register. Why not sign up for an exciting weekend or holiday group as well?

www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service



020 7974 7239

camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk

Camden Music Service

The Crowndale Centre
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www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service

Individual Instrument Tuition at Fleet

Welcome to the Camden Instrumental Service

The Camden Music Service aims to extend the range of high quality instrumental tuition available to children attending Camden schools.

What instruments can my child learn?

We currently offer tuition on piano. Do let us know if your child is interested in starting a different instrument. If there is enough interest we can look to provide a tutor.

Will my child need an instrument?

Yes, because to progress children need to practise between lessons. Camden Music Service has a stock of instruments available for hire at very reasonable cost. Unfortunately we are not able to hire pianos, keyboards or drum kits.

If you would like to buy an instrument we can help through our **Instrumental Purchase Scheme** which lets you buy a brand new instrument at a greatly reduced price. To make life even easier, we offer a 12-month interest-free repayment scheme.

When and where will lessons take place?

Most instrumental lessons take place during the school day which means that pupils leave a classroom lesson for a short period.

What types of lessons are there?

We offer shared or individual lessons. Shared lessons can only be offered where there is another child of a suitable age and standard to share with yours. If there isn't, we will arrange a 20-minute individual lesson for you.

Shared lessons

- Ideal for beginners, especially for younger children
- Children learn from each other and have the opportunity to play together; excellent preparation for playing in ensembles later
- Children who start in a group can change to individual lessons later

Individual lessons

- Ideal for children who benefit from individual attention
- Better for children who are easily distracted
- Any sense of competition is reduced
- Easier to arrange a lesson to suit the needs of the child

What will it cost?

The following fees are based on 10 lessons during a school term.

Ten shared lessons (2 children) £84 per term
Ten individual 20 min lessons £112 per term
Ten individual 30 min lessons £168 per term

How do I pay?

The Music Service will send you an invoice before the start of term. **Lessons will only start once you have paid.** Payment may be made online or over the phone.

Is any financial help available?

Children eligible for Free School Meals may apply for a 50% reduction in fees.

What about if we want to stop?

We will invoice you for the next term's lessons shortly after half term. If you don't want to continue, please let us know. Lessons are booked for a term at a time and it is not usually possible to stop lessons part way through a term.

How do I apply?

- You can apply online
- Visit www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service and follow the link to instrumental and voice lessons in schools.
- We will put your child on our waiting list if there is not a lesson space available straight away.
- We will send you an invoice when a lesson is available. Your child's lesson will not start until you pay.

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kids talk

Tips for Talking



Using the tips

Over the last 10 weeks we have been sharing 10 top tips (1 a week) with you to use with your children and support language development. We hope you found them useful.

These tips are some of the simple things we can all do to support the development of babies' and young children's speech, language and communication skills and give them the best start in life. Here are all 10 for you as a refresher...

TIP 1

Talk to me while I am in your tummy.
I am listening.
I like to hear your voice.



TIP 2

Look into my eyes and talk to me face to face.
I might not be talking back but I like listening and copying.



TIP 3

Talk to me in our home language.

Talking in two or more languages helps my brain develop. This makes it easier for me to learn English and other languages.



TIP 7

Singing rhymes with me is a great way to bond and be together.

Share books with me, talk with me about the pictures.



TIP 4

Copy me. Repeat my sounds. Wait for me to take a turn.

Respond to my smiles and sounds.



TIP 8

Talk to me all the time when we are doing everyday things like having a bath, walking to the park or tidying up.



TIP 5

Talk with me about the things that interest me.

This helps me to link the words you say with the things I see.



TIP 9

Talk to me about how you think I am feeling.

Telling me how you think I feel helps me to feel safe and understood.

These chats help me to learn how to talk about my feelings.



TIP 6

Screens away, it's time to play! Put down phones and ipads.

When you talk to me it helps me learn about the world around me.



TIP 10

Add extra words to what I say, this helps me learn longer sentences.





LOTE 4Kids

Storytime, in their language

Kids can now enjoy thousands of picture books in 65+ languages, with English translations. Available in libraries, schools and at home!

1. Visit your library website to learn more.
Or find your library at www.lote4kids.com.
Or download the free *LOTE4Kids App*.
2. Login using your library card number or access code.
3. Find a book, in your language, and enjoy!



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INVITATION: Camden Moving On Event – for parents of pupils in Years 4 and 5



**Camden schools:
Bright futures**



Parents of children in Years 4 and 5 are invited to our Camden Moving On to Secondary School Event on Thursday 13 June, from 4.15 to 6.45pm.

- Receive advice on how to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2025 from the Camden Admissions Team
- Find out more about what Camden secondary schools have to offer your child
- Speak with headteachers, student ambassadors and staff from Camden secondary schools.

This is a timed ticket event, so please make sure you arrive for the time you have booked.

The event is being held at the **Francis Crick Institute, 1 Midland Road, London NW1 1AT**. It is aimed at adults - any children attending are the sole responsibility of their parents.

Book your free place at [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) – search for 'Camden Moving On', with your location set to 'London', or scan this QR code:



Camden secondary schools

Acland Burghley School -

Burghley Road, London NW5 1UJ

Tel: 020 7485 8515

Email: info@aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk

Website: aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk

Camden School for Girls -

Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB

Tel: 020 7485 3414

Email: csg@csg.school

Website: csfg.org.uk

Hampstead School -

Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT

Tel: 020 7794 8133

Email: enquiries@hampsteadschool.org.uk

Website: hampsteadschool.org.uk

Haverstock School -

24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ

Tel: 020 7267 0975

Email: office@h3federation.org.uk

Website: haverstock.camden.sch.uk

La Sainte Union -

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RP

Tel: 020 7428 4600

Email: general@lsu.camden.sch.uk

Website: lasainteunion.org.uk

Maria Fidelis School FJC -

1-39 Drummond Crescent, London NW1 1LY

Tel: 020 7387 3856

Email: office@mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk

Website: mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk

Parliament Hill School -

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RL

Tel: 020 7485 7077

Email: enquiries@parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk

Website: parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk

Regent High School -

Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX

Tel: 020 7387 0126

Email: enquiries@regenthighschool.org.uk

Website: regenthighschool.org.uk

The UCL Academy -

Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ

Tel: 020 7449 3080

Email: enquiries@uclacademy.co.uk

Website: uclacademy.co.uk

William Ellis School -

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RN

Tel: 020 7267 9346

Email: info@williamellis.camden.sch.uk

Website: williamellis.camden.sch.uk

Camden schools – bright futures



Dear parents and carers,

We're proud of Camden's secondary schools, which are high achieving and ambitious for all students.

Like Camden, our schools are vibrant and diverse, offering a tremendous range of opportunities to help prepare their students for successful futures. We believe there's nowhere else in London where young people can receive such an excellent, individual education, with a curriculum and approach which is creative, diverse and inclusive.

This is because each of our secondary schools offers a unique combination of high quality teaching, a prime location in the heart of London and valuable partnerships with world-class businesses, academic institutions and cultural organisations.

Camden's Moving On to Secondary School Event on 13 June is aimed at families of children who will be starting secondary school in September 2025 and September 2026 (current Years 4 and 5). We do hope you can join us there.



Tim Aldridge,
Executive Director,
Children and Learning,
Camden Council



Councillor Marcus Boyland,
Cabinet Member for Best Start
for Children and Families,
Camden Council

Camden schools

- Camden Borough GCSE results are consistently above the national average
- Every Camden school offers a supportive approach to pupil wellbeing, including pastoral teams to ensure that children feel safe, happy and ready to learn
- Our secondary schools are committed to creative and vocational learning, with our unique Camden STEAM offer (science, technology, engineering, arts and maths)
- A Google-supported AI campus is due to open for Camden students in autumn 2024
- Camden Music Service organises instrumental and vocal tuition in most Camden schools plus borough ensembles, choirs, two Saturday music centres and an instrument hire and purchase scheme for parents. A spectacular Camden Schools Music Festival is held at the Royal Albert Hall every two years. Visit camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service
- First-ever Camden Schools Art Biennale Exhibition from 11 to 17 July 2024 at Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London, Granary Square.

Choosing a secondary school - top tips

- Come to our Moving On to Secondary School Event on 13 June – see front page of this flyer for details
- Visit Camden secondary schools on their open days and evenings next term – visit the schools' websites for details or camden.gov.uk/admissions
- Come to a Meet the Parents forum, held at local primary schools – visit meettheparents.info for details
- Visit gov.uk/dfe (click 'school and college performance data' link)
- Go to ofsted.gov.uk for the latest Ofsted reports
- Visit parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to see how other parents rate the school.

Online applications for Year 7 places open at eadmissions.org.uk on 1 September and you need to apply before 11.59pm on 31 October 2024.





Learn about our ambitious, **inspirational curriculum** and warm and **welcoming community**.



If you'd like to learn more about our wonderful **Academy**, please join us for one of our

Transition Coffee Mornings



Friday 21st June, 28th June and 5th July



To sign up, scan the QR code or go to https://bit.ly/UCLA_2024



CALL 020 7449 3080 | admissions@uclacademy.co.uk | [UCL_Academy](https://twitter.com/UCL_Academy)

FUN FOOTBALL, SKILLS, GAMES & MEET NEW FRIENDS

GIRLS ONLY HOLIDAY COURSE



Tuesday 28th May to Wednesday 29th May
2:00pm-4:00pm
6 – 9yr old girls
Arsenal Hub N7 7BA
£20.00 per course

GIRLS ONLY HOLIDAY COURSE



Thursday 30th May to Friday 31st May
2:30pm - 5:00pm
10-12yr old girls
Arsenal Hub N7 7BA
£20.00 per course

GOALIE WARS TOURNAMENT



Wednesday 29th May
2:00pm-5:00pm
7 – 15yr Mixed
Market Road Football Pitches N7 9PL
£10.00 per course

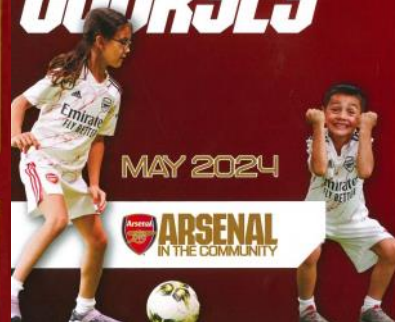
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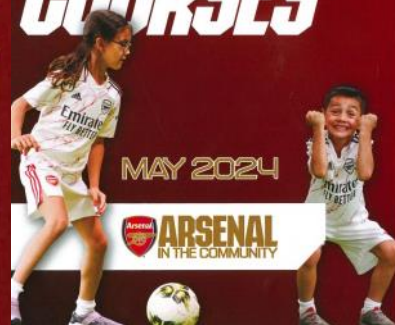
Thursday 30th to Friday 31st May
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6 – 12yr Mixed
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When?

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- Sat 25 May: 9.45 - 3.45
- Sun 26 May: 9.45 - 4.15

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28th – 31 May

for children aged 6 to 11

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From the National College - Wakeup Wednesday Guides

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have learned and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **SCHOOL AVOIDANCE**

Emotionally Based School Avoidance is a term used to refer to reduced attendance or non-attendance at school by a child or young person. It's often rooted in emotional, mental health or wellbeing issues. The rate of children who miss school more than 10% of the time in England has more than doubled since before the pandemic: rising from 10.9% in 2018-19, to 22.3% in 2022-23.

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

REASONS FOR ABSENCE

School avoidance is sometimes underpinned by several factors rather than one single cause. This could include something going on for the child or young person within the family or at school. A child may have caring responsibilities at home, for instance, or a change in family dynamics; bullying and friendship difficulties at school; pressure to achieve in schoolwork and exams; or moving from primary school to secondary school.

PATTERNS OF ABSENCE

You may notice patterns in regular absences or children regularly expressing that they don't want to attend school (particularly being reluctant to leave home on school days). If a child or young person is neurodiverse, there is some evidence to suggest there are more aspects of school life which can cause distress – such as changes in the environment, changes of routine and sensory stimuli.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

There may be an increase in a child or young person's complaints about physical symptoms, particularly on school days or the evening before school. These could include complaining of a tummy ache, headache, or saying they feel ill when there doesn't appear to be a medical cause. Always check with the GP first to rule out medical causes or illness.

IMPACT OF SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

School refusal can negatively impact a young person's learning and development. Attending school on a regular basis not only supports academic attainment but is also important for the development of key life skills and the growth of children and young people as citizens.

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The difficulties associated with school non-attendance can be far reaching and may have a negative impact on long-term outcomes. It may, for example, lead to reduced future aspirations, poor emotional regulation, mental health difficulties, limited academic progress and restricted employment opportunities.

CYCLE OF ABSENCE

Consistent absences may contribute to sustained school avoidance over time. Further to this, the longer a pupil is out of education, the more likely it is that there is a rise in their ongoing need to avoid the activity which is making them anxious – increasing their desire to stay at home.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WORK TOGETHER

If there's a concern about a child's absence and emotional wellbeing, it's important that there is clear communication and a consistent approach between the child's parents and the school, so you can take a child-centred approach together towards a plan of support or reintegration. This ensures a consistency of approach from both home and school, creating better outcomes for the child.

MANAGING OVERWHELMING FEELINGS

While there may be times you feel frustrated or angry, try to stay calm; acknowledge the child's worries, listen and discuss a range of coping strategies together to help them face the discomfort and overwhelming feelings. These could include mindfulness, deep breathing or going for a walk and practice the strategies in less overwhelming situations first.

FOLLOW REGULAR ROUTINES

Children can benefit from a regular and consistent routine. This could be a morning routine, from waking up and having breakfast through to getting dressed, packing their bag and leaving the house. A consistent evening routine which is calm and limited time on screens can also give children much needed predictability and familiarity. Schools can help create a timetabled routine for the child's school day, if required.

REDUCE STIMULATING ACTIVITIES AT HOME

If a child is avoiding school, reduce their access to more stimulating activities (such as watching television, playing games and spending time with friends) during school hours, where possible. This reduces the potential for the child having rewarding experiences at home, which could be interpreted as a positive aspect of avoiding school.

Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/school-avoidance

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Message to parents from our School Inclusion Support Officer

School Inclusion Support Officers

Over the last few months, you may have seen stories about the importance of good attendance on social media, on TV, in newspapers and there have been posters in bus shelter in Camden and the government has launched its Moments Matter Attendance counts campaign this month. The government is very concerned about the number of pupils who are missing school, and they are asking council's attendance services and schools to help support children return to school.

Camden council has appointed three new School Inclusion Support Officers to help support schools improve attendance and reduce suspensions / exclusions by ensuring children and young people who are absent from education or at risk of suspension/exclusion receive appropriate interventions and support to enable them to achieve positive educational outcomes.

Our School Inclusion Support officer is Ms. Alison Ellis, and she will be visiting us in the coming weeks and some parents may be invited to meet with the School Inclusion Support Officer to discuss the reason for poor attendance and what we can do to help your child to return to school.

We know that children who attend school regularly and on time are more able to access their learning, get support in subjects they may struggle with and have a better chance of passing their exams.

We know as a parent you also worry about your child's future, and we want to work with you to ensure every pupil at Fleet has a full-time education to maximise opportunities for everyone to realise their potential.

Being a parent is not easy if you need talk to someone about your child's attendance, please contact me on: alison.ellis@camden.gov.uk

It is never too late to benefit from good attendance.





Don't let your child miss out - every school day counts

Attending regularly is vital for your child's happiness and success in school.

We know that pupils with good school attendance – of 95% or more – are far more likely to achieve the expected level in their primary school tests at age 11 and go onto gain good passes in their GCSEs at age 16.

Every day your child is not in classes means they're less likely than their classmates to do well in school.

We know that most parents and carers make sure their children attend regularly. However, we also know absence rates in Camden are higher than we would like.

Please support your child to go to school regularly. If you need help or advice, please speak to your child's school.



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support you**

What will I learn?



How will I learn?

- Work in groups, pairs or alone with support from a tutor (or trained volunteer).
- Paper-based and online activities set as homework
- Agree targets that are personal to you
- Have time with your teacher to talk about your progress
- Put into practice what you learn in your community or with family

What will I learn?

- Use punctuation, upper and lower case, commas and full stops
- Use grammar with subject verb order
- Complete a standard form about yourself with confidence
- Understand the meaning of different types of text
- Recognise how to use digits, signs and symbols in a text
- Listen to audio or spoken communication and give your opinion
- Talk with others about daily life and familiar topics
- Ask questions in pairs and small groups
- Use pronunciation, stress and intonation to be understood
- Engage in discussions using correct phrases

**Please contact
Our school office on 0207 485 2028
ask to speak to Lisa**

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All is Free and All are welcome

HEALTHY FAMILIES
REGISTRATION QR CODE



Healthy Families Spring Schedule 2024

- Nordic Walking 9:30am - 10:30am
The Hive - Hampstead Heath 9:15 Meet up
- Monday ☺
- Free Women Only Strength & Fitness Gym Sessions 9:45 - 10:45 @ The Dome
- Women Only Yoga 1pm - 2pm
The Dome
- Tuesday ☆
- Women Only Zumba 4:30pm - 6:00pm
The Dome
- Friday 👑

The Dome
170 Weedington Road NW5 4NU

To find out more information or to sign up:
SARAH@QCCA.ORG.UK OR
MARK@QCCA.ORG.UK

FEMALE ONLY NORDIC WALKING
POLES PROVIDED

Every Monday 9:30am - 10:30am.

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Hampstead Heath
Meet at The Hive on Hampstead Heath @ 9:15

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Email: Sarah@qcca.org.uk

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Ikran Muhmud 07309639136
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Mark Abolaji 07362455916
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TUESDAY'S 1:00PM - 2:00PM

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THE DOME - 170 WEEDINGTON ROAD

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Come along to our fun filled family session loaded with soft play, zumba, badminton, basketball, football and free play for children up to the age of 8 yo.

FRIDAY'S 4:30PM - 6PM

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THE DOME, 170 WEEDINGTON ROAD, NW5 4NU

Sharing Spaces

Launch Event

8th June – 12 - 4 pm

FREE

Clarence Hall
Hawley Rd
NW1 8RN



Join us for the launch of our Sharing Spaces sessions at Clarence Hall!

Find out more about the project, connect with neighbours, customise a T-shirt, and enjoy delicious snacks. Everyone welcome. Scan the QR code for more information.



June Clarence Hall Sharing Spaces Sessions

FREE

Week	Saturday 8th June	Tuesday 11th June
1	Sharing Spaces Launch Event Free Food, Activities & More 12 - 4 pm	Film Screening: Six Inches of Soil With Transition Kentish Town 6:30 - 8 pm
Week	Saturday 15th June	Tuesday 18th June
2	Urban Gardening Talk with Mark Soanes CCA Community Hub 2 - 4 pm	Sharing Spaces Craft Session Clothes Swap & Upcycling 3.00 - 6:30 pm
Week	Saturday 22nd June	Tuesday 25th June
3	Sharing Spaces Gardening Session Container Gardening 11 am - 1 pm	Sharing Spaces Craft Session Mending & Embroidery 3.00 - 6:30 pm

All sessions, except for the Urban Gardening Talk, will be held at Clarence Hall (NW1 8RN). → More sessions will be happening throughout the summer. Scan the QR code for more information.



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At Clarence Hall
Hawley Rd, NW1 8RN

FREE

Join us for Sharing Spaces workshops on Tuesdays and Saturdays!

We will be running embroidery sessions, upcycling, clothes swap socials and gardening workshops.

Starting from 8th June

Crafting Tuesdays
3:00 - 6:30 pm
Gardening Saturdays
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Together, let's garden, craft, share food & ideas!

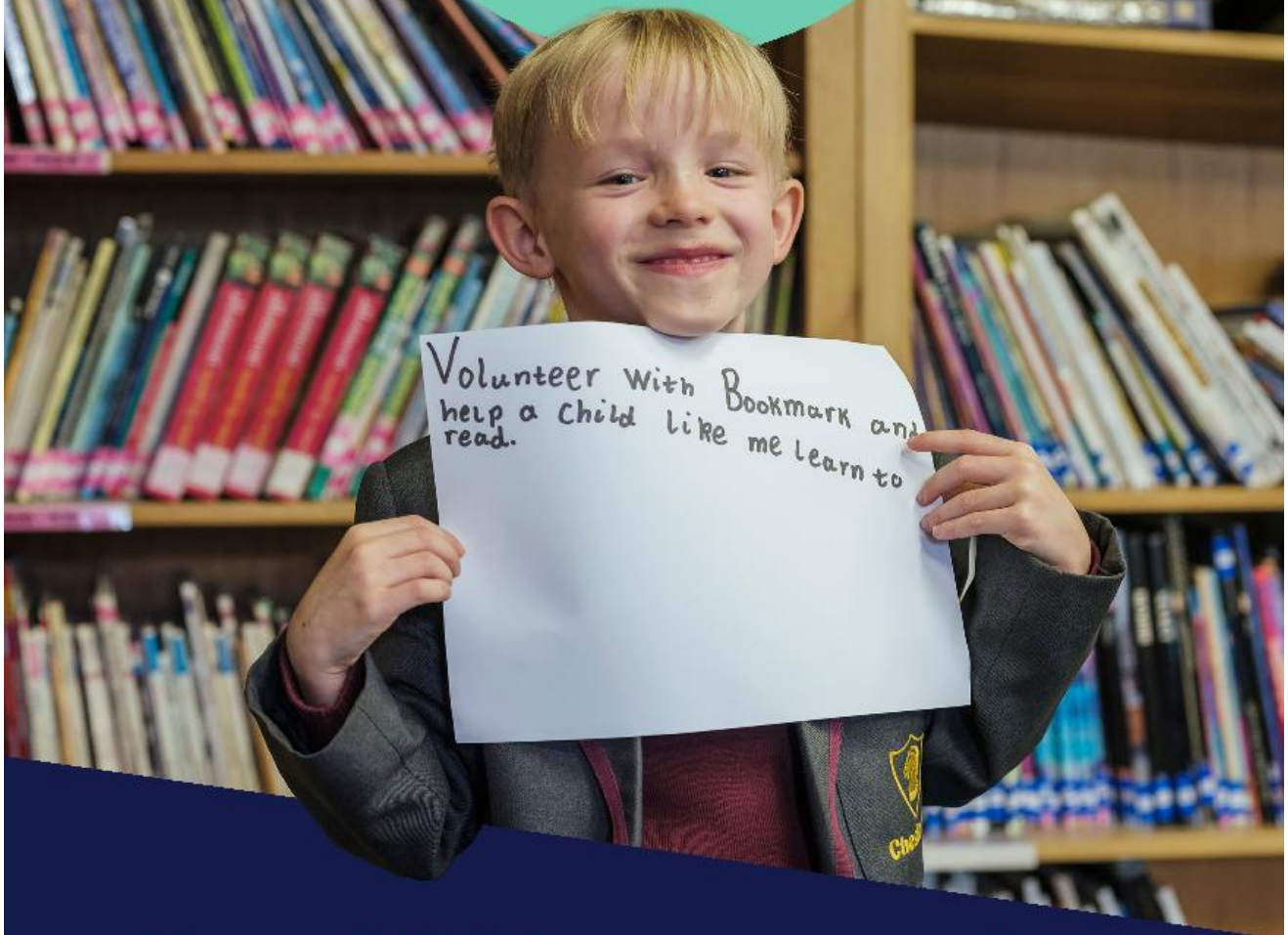
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For more information, please email environmentalteam@castlehaven.org.uk or call 020 7485 3386





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This year our school is working with **Bookmark**, a children's literacy charity that links schools with volunteers to provide children with extra reading support.

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*Could you volunteer to help a child with their reading? Our school is working with **Bookmark**, a children's literacy charity, to provide our pupils with extra reading support. As a volunteer, you'll come into school to read and play fun, literacy games with the same child for 30-minute sessions, twice a week. We're looking for people who could support a minimum of two children a week, across 12 weeks. Sign up now to help children in your local community. Please feel free to share this volunteering opportunity with your own networks. You can find out more and sign up here: www.bookmarkreading.org/volunteer2f*

CAMDEN CHILDREN CENTRES & FAMILY HUBS STAY & PLAY SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY 2ND OF OCTOBER 2023

CENTRE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Agar Children's Centre & Family Hub Wrotham Road, NW1 9SU 0207 974 4789	Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am	Baby Play – Under 1's 9:30am – 11am	Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am	Toddler Time – Under 2's 9:30am – 11:30am	
	Baby Play – Under 1's 1:30pm – 3pm			Fun for All – Under 5's 1:30pm – 3:30pm	
Regent's Park Children's Centre & Family Hub Augustus Street, NW1 3TJ 0207 974 8934	Toddler Time – Under 2's 9:30am – 11:30am	Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am	Toddler Time – Under 2's 9:30am – 11:30am	Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am	Baby Play – Under 1's 9:30am – 11am
	Baby Play – Under 1's 1:30pm – 3pm				
1A Children's Centre & Family Hub 1A Rosebery Avenue, EC1R 4SR 0207 974 7024	Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am		Baby Play – Under 1's 9:30am – 11am	Toddler Time – Under 2's 9:30am – 11:30am	
		Fun for All – Under 5's 1:30pm – 3:30pm			Fun for All – Under 5's 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Hampden 80 Polygon Road, NW1 1HQ 0207 974 2841		Toddler Time – Under 2's 10am – 12pm	Fun for All – Under 5's 10am – 12pm	Baby Play – Under 1's 10am – 12pm	
Harmood Children's Centre & Family Hub 1 Forge Place Ferdinand Street, NW1 8DQ 0207 974 8961	Baby Play – Under 1's 9:30am – 11am		Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am	Toddler Time – Under 2's 9:30am – 11:30am	Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am
	Toddler Time – Under 2's 1:30pm – 3:30pm	Fun for All – Under 5's 1:30pm – 3:30pm			Baby Play – Under 1's 1:30pm – 3pm
Kilburn Grange Children's Centre & Family Hub 1 Palmerston Road, NW6 2JL 0207 974 5080	Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am		Toddler Time – Under 2's 9:30am – 11:30am	Baby Play – Under 1's 9:30am – 11am	Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am
		Baby Play – Under 1's 1:30pm – 3pm		Fun for All – Under 5's 1:30pm – 3:30pm	
Rhyl Community Primary School Grafton Road, NWS 4AX 0207 485 1947	Term Time Only Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am	Term Time Only Toddler Time – Under 2's 9:30am – 11:30am	Term Time Only Fun for All – Under 5's 9:30am – 11:30am		
					Fun for All – Under 5's 10am – 12pm
Saint Pancras Community Association 67 Plender Street, NW1 0LB 0207 380 1501	Fun for All – Under 5's 10am – 12pm				Fun for All – Under 5's 10am – 12pm
	Baby Play – Under 1's 2pm – 3pm				
Abbey Community Centre 172 Belsize Road, NW6 4BJ 0207 624 8378	Fun for All – Under 5's 10am – 11:45am	Fun for All – Under 5's 10am – 11:45am	Fun for All – Under 5's 10am – 11:45am	Fun for All – Under 5's 10am – 11:45am	



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Langtry Children's Centre & Family Hub, 11-29 Langtry Road, NW8 0AJ	9:30 am to 12 pm	Tuesday 19 th March 2024 Tuesday 18 th June 2024
Agar Children's Centre & Family Hub, Lulworth, Wrotham Road, NW1 9SU	9:30 am to 12 pm	Tuesday 23 rd April 2024 Tuesday 2 nd July 2024

For more information please contact:
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Football (5/7 Aside) - 7:30pm
to 8:30pm

Juniors Sports Activity Schedule:
Age: 8-13
Thursday @ 5:00pm-7:30pm

Multi-Sports Activities & Cricket:
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Football (6 Aside): 6:15pm to 7:30pm



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AGE: 11 - 15

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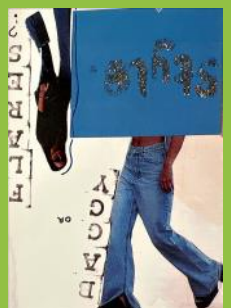
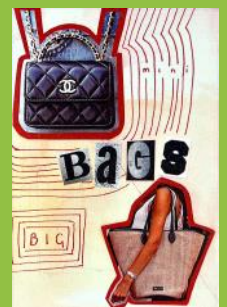
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0797 0909 060



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Citizens Advice Camden Advice North Camden Project

How we can help:

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and more

The Advice North Camden Project advises people who live in the Hampstead and Wells Camden Trust area of benefit.

This covers the wards of Kilburn, Swiss Cottage, West Hampstead, Fortune Green, Frognal and Fitzjohns, Belsize Park, Hampstead Town and parts of Gospel Oak and Primrose Hill.

For a full list of street names, please visit their website: www.hwct.org.uk/about-us/areas

If you live in one of these areas, please get in touch for more advice.

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADVICE SESSIONS AT FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL. **Sessions are by appointment only and can be booked by contacting Lisa Tan on 0207 485 2028 or by emailing l.tan@fleet.camden.sch.uk.**

Tuesday 6th February 2024 • Tuesday 19th March 2024 • Tuesday 14th May 2024 • Tuesday 25th June 2024

**The
Children's
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Emotional health and well-being support

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Camden Beam at
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Find out more:
childrenssociety.org.uk/beam
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CamdenBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

Meet your local councillors



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Surgery times

Our advice surgeries are held at the following venues. These are drop-in sessions so there is no need to make an appointment.

Cllr Jenny Mulholland

1st and 5th Thursday of the month

Queen's Crescent Job Hub,
179 Queen's Crescent, NW5 4DS.
1pm to 2pm

For surgery appointments at other times,
please email

jenny.mulholland@camden.gov.uk
or call **020 7974 2792** to arrange a time.

Cllr Marcus Boyland

1st Thursday of the month

Fleet School Fleet Road
Hampstead NW3 2QT
9am to 10am

3rd and 5th Thursday of the month

Queen's Crescent Job Hub
179 Queen's Crescent, NW5 4DS
1pm to 2pm

4th Thursday of the Month

Rhyl School, 196 Grafton Road
London, NW5 4AX
9 am to 10 am

Cllr Lorraine Revah

2nd Thursday of the month

The Gospel Oak Regeneration Hub Site Portacabins of
(former Bacton Low Rise) Wellesley Road, Junction with Vicars
Road – next to St Martins Church, NW5 4PA. 11am to 12pm

3rd Tuesday of the month

Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place NW5 1LB.
1 pm to 3 pm

This surgery is specifically designed for carers and individuals with
disabilities and is by appointment only. Please call 020 7974 2792 to
schedule an appointment

3rd Friday of the month

Russell Nursery TRA Hall, The Aspern Centre
1 Christie Court, 3 Aspern Grove
NW3 2AB. 4pm to 5pm

4th Thursday of the month

The Gospel Oak Regeneration Hub Site Portacabins of
(former Bacton Low Rise) Wellesley Road, Junction with
Vicars Road – next to St Martins Church, NW5 4PA.
11 am to noon

Please note there are no surgeries in August. If you wish to have a phone, teams or zoom appointment with the Councillor please email the Councillor or call Members Support to have this arranged.

In writing

c/o Member Support, Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9JE
or for more information go to camden.gov.uk/democracy

Gospel Oak



Keir Starmer

MP for Holborn and St Pancras



Casework Service

If you live in Holborn and St Pancras and are facing a problem, my team and I may be able to help.

Please get in touch with my constituency office if you need my support.

You will need to include your full address and phone number.



keir.starmer.constituency@parliament.uk



020 7388 7862



Keir Starmer MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA



Citizens Advice Camden

How to contact us:



Adviceline

0808 278 7835

free number. You do not need credit on your phone to call us

Monday – Friday 10am-4pm

Complete the call-back request form on our website and we will call you.

www.camdencabservice.org.uk



If you need help with **Universal Credit** please call us on:

* **Help to Claim** for advice about making new claims up until your first payment

Call **0800 1448 4444** (free number). Mon to Fri 8am - 6pm

Webchat:

visit <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/universal-credit/claiming/helptoclaim/> on our website and click on the 'Talk to an Adviser' button half way down the page

* **Universal Credit Support** for help maintaining your claim and problems including UC stopping, sanctions and appeals.

Call **07765 293116** and leave a message with your number and we'll call you back

Visit our website for details of all our services

Citizens Advice Camden is a registered charity 291955

Cost of Living Crisis - Camden Support Available



Healthy Start pre-paid card and free vitamins

Do you receive income support? Are you pregnant or do you have any children under the age of four? You may be eligible for a Healthy Start prepaid card. The Healthy Start payments can be used to buy milk, fruit, vegetables, and infant formula. If you are eligible, you may receive: **£4.25 each week from the 10th week of your pregnancy, £8.50 each week for children from birth to one year old, £4.25 each week for children between one and four years old.** [Apply online](#). Pregnant women and children under the age of four are also eligible for free vitamins from children's centres. Find your local children's centre [here](#).

Cost of living crisis advice, support booklet and translated advice

To support residents with the cost of living crisis, Camden have developed an advice and support booklet [which can be downloaded here](#). We have translated posters which signpost to support with the cost of living crisis, help with food, energy bills, mental health and help finding a job into Arabic, Somali, Sylheti, Turkish, Kurdish, Lingala and Swahili. [These can be downloaded on Camden website](#).

Cost of Living Crisis Fund Payment

Camden Council's Cost of Living Crisis Fund is for residents and families facing severe financial hardship and who cannot afford essentials – including food, energy bills, water, electricity and housing.

- The maximum award for a household of any size is £500
- A household can only receive a maximum of two awards in a 12-month period - and the amount you are awarded will depend on your circumstances and household size
- We will prioritise those in greatest need

The support can take many forms including payments into bank accounts, vouchers, help with debt repayments or equipment that will help you to reduce your costs and/or keep warm this winter.

How to apply

Camden want to ensure residents are getting all the help and advice they need to live well in Camden.

If you are a tenant and in financial hardship, speak to your neighbourhood housing officer who will be able to refer you to the scheme and help you get other forms of support.

If you live in temporary or supported housing or have a social worker, speak to your support worker as they can also refer you for a payment and help you get other forms of support.

If you live in the private rented sector, other social housing or own your home and are in financial hardship, [speak to one of our advice partners](#). You can also get help via [Good Work Camden](#), by calling Citizens Advice Camden on 0808 278 7835 or by calling us on 020 7974 4444, option 9 (welfare support).

We can also refer you as school – come and speak to us if you think you are eligible and need our help to access this support (see eligibility criteria below):

Eligibility criteria

You must have lived in Camden for at least six weeks. We will check the council tax database and if you are not registered then we will come back to you for another form of proof such as a bill, bank statement or benefit letter addressed to you at the address you are claiming for. The faster we receive proof of residency the faster the award can be made.

2. No more than two payments will be made per household in any 12-month period. When you apply, we will check records to see how many awards a household has received. If there is more than one adult or family in the household, the application must come from the person responsible for council tax.

3. You must be over 18 to apply, but we will accept applications from 16 to 18 year olds living independently because we know that not all young people are able to remain at home

You must be able to prove that you are in severe hardship or financial crisis

The cost-of-living advice bus

If you're struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and want some help, come along to our advice bus. Run in collaboration with local advice partners, you'll be able to get advice on a range of issues - including money, debt, help finding a job and accessing all the support you're entitled to. In December, you can find the advice bus dates using this link [camden.gov.uk/winterevents](#). To find out more about advice and support, visit [camden.gov.uk/costofliving](#). To find your nearest 'warm welcome' space, visit [camden.gov.uk/warmwelcome](#)

Come and talk to us...

We listen to parents. We can advise you about your child's development, breastfeeding, parenting, housing, employment and benefits advice. There are local free drop-in 'stay and play' sessions and we can help you find an early education and childcare place. In fact everything you need in the early years to bring up your child.

Come along to your local children's centre and get to know other parents.

If you would like to know more — just ask us.

To find out more about services and support in your area, or just to ask a question, please phone or call in to your nearest children's centre. We do not charge for our services.



Pregnant or have a child under five?
We can help, come and talk to us



Children's Centres:

- 1a Children's Centre**
 1a Rosebery Avenue ECLR 4SR
 020 7974 7024
- Regents Park Children's Centre**
 Augustus Street NW1 3TJ
 020 7974 8954
- Harmood Children's Centre**
 1 Forge Place NW1 8DQ
 020 7974 8961
- Agar Children's Centre**
 Lulworth, Wrotham Road NW1 9SU
 020 7974 4789
- Kilburn Grange Children's Centre**
 1 Palmerston Road NW6 2JL
 020 7974 5080

Find out more:
camden.gov.uk/camdensurestart

Camden Sure Start
Your journey. Our support.



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Pregnancy & New Born Baby



New Born Baby to 2 Years



Child 2 to 5 Years

Mums, Dads and Carers, come with your children to your local children's centre.

Happy, healthy and looking forward to the future? That's what you and your child deserve. It's why Camden has developed a complete range of services, designed to offer support during the first months and years of your child's life.

We're here for the whole family. From the moment you know you're expecting a baby, our services and support will be available to you and your child, right up until birth and for years into the future.

Advice and play activities to support your child's speech and language

What kind of help?

We want you to feel confident as a parent, to be aware of everything that's available for your child's early development. We can help — come and talk to us.

You may be a first-time dad or mum or you could already have a family. Either way, we want to help you and your child to feel secure, healthy and happy.

Some dads and mums are anxious about caring for their baby and how to look after a growing child. Others need help with practical issues like benefits advice, employment or arranging affordable childcare.

Whatever you need, we want to help you and your child get the best start in life.

One-to-one support if you are feeling low, anxious or stressed by family life

Our support.

- Midwifery and health visiting services
- Information and support about breastfeeding, baby feeding and healthy eating
- Stay and play drop-ins and other activities for you and your child to enjoy together
- Family support team — if you need extra help
- Early education and childcare and childminders
- Help to find training and employment and benefits advice
- Local services for children with special educational needs and/or Disabilities, visit localoffer.camden.gov.uk

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Camden Children's Centre Services

CAMDEN MHST

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Camden's Mental Health Support Team works across Primary schools providing interventions for children and young people experiencing anxiety or low mood.

SUPPORT AND INTERVENTIONS

Individual/Parent led therapy

Group therapy and workshops

Whole class interventions

Parent/carer webinars: including topic on sleep, screen time and anxiety therapeutic conversations.



emotional health & wellbeing in Camden,
for children, young people and their families



FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOLS PRACTITIONER

THOMAS BURNAND
School Hours: Wednesday Afternoon

If you are interested in getting help, please
contact:
Rebecca Wall —Deputy Head

Camden Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Working with young people, families and the school community to promote and support mental health



Emotion Coaching Workshop

Information for parents and carers

What?

A **two-part**, in-person workshop for parents and carers of primary-age children (4-11 years)

When?

Tuesdays **23rd and 30th** April 2024 12:20-14:30

Where?

The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, 120 Belsize Lane, London, NW3 5BA

Emotion Coaching is an evidence-based approach that involves responding to and talking with children in a way that develops self-regulation.

Emotion Coaching helps children to name and understand their emotions and teaches them ways to process and manage emotions in a helpful way.

How will Emotion Coaching support you and your child?

- ✓ To better understand and validate your child's emotions
- ✓ Helpful ways to respond during moments of heightened emotion
- ✓ To implement appropriate boundary setting
- ✓ To reduce behaviours that you find challenging
- ✓ To further improve the parent/child relationship



Scan the QR code to sign up



Contact details

 Sarah Relton (MHST Psychologist)

 020 8938 2232

 Camden Mental Health Support Team

 MHST@tavi-port.nhs.uk

Parent and carer counselling service

Are you stressed or worried and need someone to talk to?

Are you a parent or carer with a child in a Camden school or children's centre?

Life is complicated and sometimes feels like an uphill struggle. Talking with a counsellor can help untangle thoughts and feelings.

- The parent and carer counselling service is FREE
- Counselling sessions are confidential
- Counselling takes place in schools and children's centres

Counselling is arranged by completing an application form or by phoning or emailing the co-ordinator.

We can also support with the referral process from in school. If you would like any support with this please come and speak to Rhian or Don.



PCCS co-ordinator, SEN and psychology services

Children, schools and families, Camden Council, Crowndale Centre

218 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD

Telephone: 0207 974 6500

Email: pccs@camden.gov.uk



Free 24/7 urgent mental health support for young people

The NHS has set up free telephone lines across London for young people in distress, open all day, every day, and staffed by trained mental health professionals. They can provide immediate support, or refer people to other sources of help if needed.

Find your local crisis line number [here](#).

URGENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT 24/7

Worried about your mental health?

Young people and their parents can get urgent support and advice from trained NHS mental health advisors, any time, day or night.

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a telephone line for people in urgent need, including children, young people and their parents. The lines are free to call and open 365 days a year.

AREA	BOROUGHES COVERED	24/7 SUPPORT NUMBERS
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 023 4650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
South West London	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0800 995 1000
	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590

FREE SCHOOL MEALS STATUS

For this year, all children from Reception—Year 6 will be able to receive a free school meal thanks to the Mayor of London's programme and you don't need to do anything to apply for it—simply let us know your child will be taking up the offer and that is it—nothing to fill in or apply for. However, this is different from 'Free School Meal Status'. This is still something you need to apply through Camden for. It is really important that you do this as this measure dictates a lot of the funding schools are



Online learning resources and homework

- Mathletics: login.mathletics.com or download app for mobile
- Times Table Rockstars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school> or download app for mobile
- Numbots (EYFS/KS1): <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/33442>
- Seesaw: <https://app.seesaw.me/#/login> or download app
- Busy things: <https://www.busythings.co.uk/lgfl-login/>

If you do not have working internet or a device for your children to access these resources on (tablet, laptop or computer) please speak to their class teacher as soon as possible.

allocated. To ensure we receive the correct funding we need all children who are eligible for this status to complete the process. You may be entitled to this status and therefore Fleet will receive additional funding if you receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals status unless you have:

- stopped work in the last 4 weeks; or

reduced your hours to less than 16 hours in the last 4 weeks
Free school meal entitlement will mean that you will not have to pay for school lunches and will receive concessionary rates for clubs and trips. It is also important for you to apply, as the school receives extra funding.

<https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

Please ask Lisa in the office for help applying if you need it. Fleet relies on accurate funding to support the education of all our children.

Clue

There are hundreds of different ones out there, you will find them near home printers

and when not hiding inside printers they usually look like this

www.recycle4charity.co.uk

Treasure Hunt

Attention to all children and teachers!

Find some empty ink cartridges and bring them to the school to turn them into gold!

Your school will receive money for them, and you will help the environment with your recycling!

Do you have any used printer cartridges lying around at home? Send them into the school office!

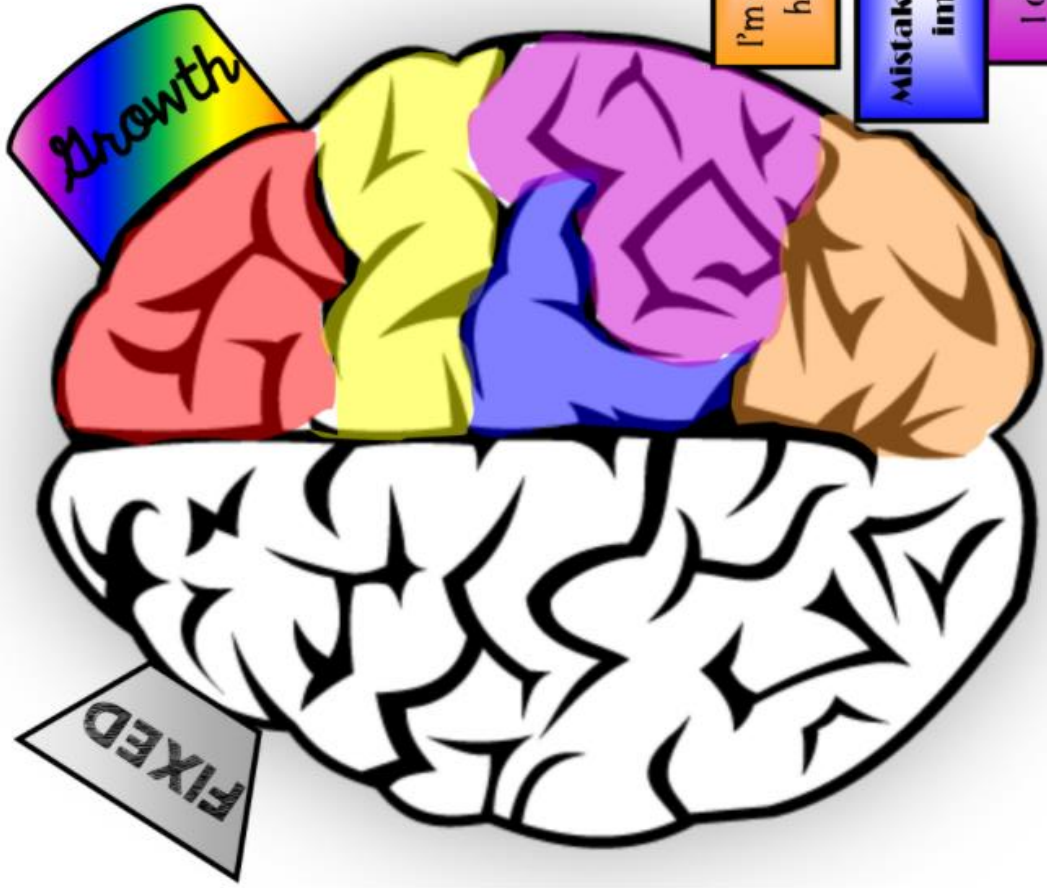
Parent group: Families, Food and Feelings

The Enhanced Healthy Living Service (EHLS) runs quarterly 6-week parent groups for Camden and Islington parents/carers of children aged 5-17 who struggle with excess weight. The group focuses on psychoeducation and strategies around boundary setting, healthy modelling, emotional eating and encouraging a healthy relationship with food. Referrals are accepted by professionals and parents can also self-refer via the brandoncentre.healthyliving@nhs.net email address.



Change your words Change your *Mindset*

- I give up.
- I can't do math/science/social studies/reading.
- I am awesome at this!
- I can't make this any better.
- I made a mistake!
- I'm never gonna be as good as him/her.
- This is too hard.
- I'm not good at this.
- It's good enough.



- I AM GOING TO TRAIN MY BRAIN IN MATH/SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES/READING!!
- Is this really my best work?
- This may take some time and effort.
- What am I missing?
- I'll use some of the strategies I've learned.
- I'm going to figure out what he/she does and try it!
- I'm on the right track!
- Mistakes help me improve.
- I can always improve; I'll keep trying!

Gender equality: guide for families

What are gender stereotypes?

Fixed and widely held ideas about roles and behaviours that society thinks appropriate for men and women, girls and boys. For example that boys are more active, adventurous and tough and that girls are more caring, emotional and concerned with appearance. These stereotypes are everywhere in children's lives – in clothes, toys, books, media and language.

Children learn what those around them expect of them as a girl or a boy and their brains adapt. What might look like a child's free choice of toys, friends, subjects or jobs is heavily influenced by the messages the child has absorbed from birth about what's suitable for their gender. **The good news is that we can change these messages.**



Why are they bad for everyone?

Gender stereotypes can limit children's choices, behaviour, aspirations and even achievement. They are bad for individuals and for society. They steer girls and boys in different directions – feeding different subject choices, different job options and even different health outcomes.

Study and work:

- In childhood, construction and science toys are often sold 'for boys'. At A level, only 10% of computing and 22% of physics students are girls. At work, less than 10% of engineers are female.
- In childhood, children learn that dolls are 'girls' toys' and that women do more caring work. At work, fathers are twice as likely to be turned down in a request for flexible working. Only 11% of nurses are male.
- When it comes to children's career ideas, the gender divide is as strong at age 4 as at 14.



Health and mental health:

- In childhood, boys learn not to show their feelings except through anger. Boys are 6 times less likely than girls to seek Childline counselling about suicidal thoughts and feelings. Men account for 75% of all suicides.
- 1 in 4 women in the UK will be a victim of domestic violence in her lifetime.



FAQs

- *But aren't girls and boys just different?*
Despite popular perceptions, there is no credible scientific evidence of natural difference in interests or skills between genders. Children learn from the stereotypes surrounding them what is considered 'normal' for their gender – and their choices adapt accordingly.
- *What's wrong with girls and boys liking different things?*
Nothing, so long as it is down to an individual child's preference rather than pressure to conform. Girls and boys are more alike than different.
- *Are you saying I should stop telling my daughter how pretty she is?*
No – but if her appearance is what your daughter is most often praised for then she may start to think that society values her looks above her other qualities.
- *What about boys?*
Statistically, boys are more likely than girls to achieve lower grades in school, to go to prison and not to seek help for mental health problems. Harmful gender stereotyping contributes to these outcomes.

Our aim: that children be free to make their own way as individuals, unlimited by gendered expectations



www.liftinglimits.org.uk

Gender stereotyping: what can we do about it?

Toys:

- Building blocks, puzzles and construction develop spatial awareness. Dolls and imaginary play help to develop empathy and communication. Introduce a range of toys for all children.
- Thinking about buying presents? For help avoiding gifts which reinforce gender stereotyping see the Let Toys be Toys website at www.lettoysbetoysof.org.uk – especially their Gift Guides and recommended retailers.

Opportunities to challenge gender stereotypes:

- In role-play games with younger children, who plays what roles?
- Talk to children about what they are seeing on TV – in what roles are male and female characters shown? How are female and male characters dressed?
- Look for positive role models of female leaders, women in sport, men in caring roles.

Language:

- Think about the messages language can suggest – e.g. 'man up' suggests that boys should not show their emotions. Never use 'girl' or 'girlie' as an insult.
- 'We need a strong man to open that' 'I can't do that with these nails' – throwaway comments can have a powerful impact on children.
- Use 'humankind' rather than 'mankind' or 'firefighter' rather than 'fireman' – avoid using the masculine to refer to everyone.

Expectations and aspirations:

Beware assumptions which might influence children's aspirations – e.g. by suggesting certain jobs are more for women or men or by assuming a future role as carer for girls and breadwinner for boys.

Books:

- Children's books still send very gendered messages about male and female roles.
- Look for books with strong female leads and boys in caring roles – for boys and girls.
 - Swap 'he' and 'she' where male-dominated.
 - Use books as an opportunity to question roles and attitudes.

Around the home:

- Who do children see doing what work around the house?
- What chores are children given at home – are they different for girls and boys?
- Is different behaviour expected of sons and daughters?
- If newspapers and magazines show women and men in stereotypical roles, question these so that children don't assume that's just the way the world is.

Attitudes:

- Teach children that caring roles are rewarding and important – and ensure that boys can see themselves in caring roles.
- All emotions are for everyone! Don't discourage boys from crying or expressing how they feel.
- What praise are children given? e.g. repeated praise of girls as pretty and boys as clever or strong teaches children what society expects of them.

Clothes and shoes:

- Are girls wearing clothes or shoes which are more delicate – which they need to keep clean or which hinder them in climbing or kicking a ball?
- Think about slogans, colours and the messages they send.

Similarities and differences:

- Don't set up girls and boys as 'opposite' or separate – there are more similarities between them than differences.
- Beware treating girls or boys as uniform groups.
- Friendships between genders are to be encouraged.



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Camden Early Help



Everyone needs a little help sometimes. If you're feeling worried about your child, or you want to make a change in your life, Camden Early Help is here for you, your children and your whole family.

- ▶ Free support service for families with children aged 0 to 19 in Camden
- ▶ Practical and emotional support with a range of life issues if they are starting to feel overwhelming
- ▶ Working with you and your family to help make whatever changes you want to make
- ▶ Helping you and your family develop friendships and feel connected with your community.

Early Help



As well as family workers, there's lots of other options:

- ▶ Early Help Family Group Conference – bring together a circle of family members, friends, neighbours or community members to help solve problems
- ▶ Parenting programmes – a range of programmes for parents to be, and parents with children from 0-19 to help you feel confident and positive about your parenting role
- ▶ Activities – to enjoy time together as a family
- ▶ Early Help Play – support to access holiday play schemes, breakfast clubs, after-school clubs, and free early education and childcare places*
- ▶ Employment advice and welfare rights – access to our advisors to help with benefits and all things work-related
- ▶ Connections to housing support and homelessness services
- ▶ Connections to community organisations in your area.



How do I get Early Help?

You can contact us today, or you can talk to someone in your life that you trust. This might be your child's teacher or nursery worker, your GP or health visitor, your housing or tenancy support worker or youth worker.

They can contact us on your behalf, and then you can work with us if you would like to.

If it feels like it's time to make a change, Camden Early Help would love to be by your side so the little things don't become big things.

Other formats

If you require this leaflet in large print, Braille or in another language please contact us.

Find out more

T: 020 7974 3317 (9am to 5pm, ask for Early Help)

E: LBCMASHadmin@camden.gov.uk

For more information about Early Help visit:

camden.gov.uk/earlyhelp

Sure Start 020 7974 8961

camden.gov.uk/surestart

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* free childcare places for eligible 2 year olds



What's Early Help?

Early Help is about family and being here for when families are experiencing things that are starting to feel overwhelming. Early Help is about whatever is important to you, whatever is causing you to feel distress or worry. Early Help is for families with children of any age, from 0 to 19. It's voluntary and your choice whether to have it or not.

What can you help with?

Every family we work with is unique. We work with families experiencing relationship breakdown or conflict, violence in the home, children showing distressed behaviour, support for first time parents, housing, rent or money worries, difficulties at school, worries about a child's health or development, managing changes in circumstances, grief and bereavement, and mental health problems. Often it's a combination of many things. But whatever it is that you and your family want to change, we are here to work with you - to help you and your family get to where you want to be.

What does Early Help do?

There are lots of Early Help services in Camden, so we'll work with you to figure out the one you think will be most helpful to you and your family. You can watch a video about Early Help made by a Camden young person here: [youtube.com/user/CamdenCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/user/CamdenCouncil)

Early Help services include:

Sure Start

A full range of help and support in your local children's centre if you are pregnant or have a child under 5.

Early Help Co-ordinators

Someone to have a chat with to see how we can help and what Early Help service might be most useful.

First Stop Early Help

A team of family workers who will work alongside you for up to 12 weeks, and help you and the network of people around you to feel on the right track.

Families in Focus

A team of family workers who will work alongside you for 6 to 12 months.

Transformation Team

A team of family workers who will work alongside you for 12 months plus.

Youth Early Help

A full range of help and support for families with children aged 11 plus and young people.



Every Early Help team will:

- ▶ Be with you through the tough stuff
- ▶ Listen to you and your family – we'll be led by you
- ▶ Focus on what's important to you and your family, and what a good life might look like for you
- ▶ Work with you to find out what's going well and what feels strong
- ▶ Work with you to explore and make sense of the things you want to change
- ▶ Make a plan with you, your children and your family so the changes can start to happen
- ▶ Make sure everyone involved works together to help you and your family best.

