

Fleet Community Notices



Wednesday 16th October 2024



New items this week...

Note the change of time on [Page 2](#) to this term's PTA Halloween Disco—now starting at 4pm! [Page 3](#) has the latest dates for the term. If you are a Year 6 parent, see [Page 9-10](#) about all the events and open days currently happening—deadline for applications is the end of October. [Page 20](#) has the latest parent information sheet from National College—this week all about 'Fire Safety' in the run up to firework season and bonfire night. [Page 23](#) is the start of the section advertising the many amazing clubs and events for children happening locally. From [Page 31](#) there is information about half term events too—newly advertised this week is one run by Arsenal on [Page 31](#), an art club being run at Fleet by Sophie on [Page 32](#), and whats on over half term at HvH Arts on [Page 34](#) and another art club running in Highgate on [Page 35](#). [Page 40](#) has information on the Camden Health Bus for the coming weeks. If you didn't see it last week please do look at [Page 45](#) for details on a series of 9 online parent/carer webinars being run by the Camden Schools Mental Health Team on a variety of really useful topics—the first one is coming up next week (22nd) and well worth checking out if you can.

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.

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Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school. Nuts and items containing nuts should not be brought into school as snacks, part of packed lunches, or as donations to the Class Tea Sales. Thank you for your understanding and care to ensure we prevent dangers from allergic reactions.

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CELEBRATE THOSE WHO GO ABOVE & BEYOND FOR OUR PLANET!

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YOU COULD WIN:

- £100 voucher for Paintball
- Cinema tickets
- Laser tag
- Swim courses
- Dinner for 2 & many more TBA!

NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON 18 OCTOBER

STOP!

you are now entering a

nut free zone

please DO NOT bring nuts into this area

FLEET PTA

PRESENTS

★★ ★

HALLOWEEN

SCHOOL DISCO



25TH OCTOBER

4PM - 6PM

DRESS TO IMPRESS

★ ★ - DJ PARTY - COSTUME - HOT FOOD & BAR

★★ ADULTS : £3 CHILD : £2.50 ★ ★

FAMILY TICKET OF 4 OR MORE

£10

Dates for your diary this term...

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. Thank you.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

28th Oct-1st Nov	Half Term Week—School Closed
8th November	Parent Workshop—supporting behaviour 9-10am
21st November	Flu Vaccination Programme—Rec-Y6 children to receive Flu Vaccine (consent letters will be sent out nearer the time)
26th November	Sharing Assembly for Y4 parents and school of 'Airbourne' project @ 2.45pm
27th & 28th Nov	KS1 & KS2 Parent Meetings—t.b.c. (some classes may change a day but all will be this week)
6th December	Infant Christmas Show for Parents @ 10am
12th December	Junior Christmas Show for Parents @ 9.30am & 7pm (7pm show is ticketed)
13th December	Christmas Lunch
17th December	Infant Christmas Parties
19th December	Junior Christmas Parties
20th December	End of term—school finishes at 2pm

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

25th October	Halloween Disco 4-6pm	NOTE: NEW EARLIER START TIME...
6th December	Winter Fair—after school	

YEAR 4 2024-25

24th October	Parent Run Class Tea after school
25th October	Class Assembly @ 10am—parents and carers come along
26th November	'Airbourne' project—demonstration to parents @ 2.45pm
3rd December	Tudor Workshop All Day

YEAR 5 2024-25

14th-18th October	Residential Trip to Sayer's Croft
7th November	Parent Run Class Tea after school
8th November	Class Assembly @ 10am—parents and carers come along
11th—15th Nov	Level 2 Cycle Training—children opt in—letters will come home
6th December	Trip to Google HQ
17th December	Trip to the Unicorn Theatre—Odd and the Frost Giants

YEAR 6 2024-25

4th—8th Nov	Level 2 Cycle Training—children opt in—letters will come home
13th November	Trip to Salvation Army Centre
15th November	Trip to the Cinema
12th December	Junior Christmas Show for Parents @ 9.30am & repeated @ 7pm (ticketed event)
12th-15th May	KS2 SATs Week
9th-13th June	Residential Trip to Gower

NURSERY 2024-25

18th October	Dough Disco for Parents @ 2.45pm
11th November	Reading Café for Parents @ 2.45pm
18th & 25th Nov	Individual Parent Meetings
28th November	Parent Run Early Years Class Tea after school
2nd December	Reading Café for Parents @ 2.45pm
10th December	Trip to the Theatre—Stickman
17th December	Nursery Christmas Party

RECEPTION 2024-25

17th October	Stay and Play Session for Parents
6th November	Trip to Hampstead Heath
20th November	Trip to the Zoo
28th November	Parent Run Early Years Class Tea after school

YEAR 1 2024-25

23rd & 24th Oct	Cycle Training in playground—bring bikes if you own one
14th November	Parent Run Class Tea After School
15th November	Class Assembly @ 10am—parents and carers come along

YEAR 2 2024-25

21st & 22nd Oct	Cycle Training in playground—bring bikes if you own one
24th October	Trip to the October Gallery
7th November	Computing Workshop with CLC (in school)
5th December	Parent Run Class Tea after school
6th December	Infant Christmas Show for parents @ 10am led by Year 2

YEAR 3 2024-25

21st November	Parent Run Class Tea after school
22nd November	Class Assembly @ 10am—parents and carers come along
25th November	Trip to the Cinema

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.



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.

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.





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<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fleetps>

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PLEASE HELP CAMDEN FOODBANK



Camden Foodbank is a local charity supporting adults and children in food crisis. In the past 12 months the Trussell Trust group of foodbanks gave over 3.1 emergency food parcels to people in food crisis with over 1.1 million of these parcels being given out to children. The winter months are the worst for people with no access to food as they also need to keep warm to survive.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Please donate **targeted food** to help Camden Foodbank make up emergency parcels or please donate money.

**THIS AUTUMN &
WINTER PLEASE
HELP US TO FEED
LOCAL PEOPLE IN
FOOD CRISIS**

HOW TO DONATE FOOD BY HAND?

DAY	TIME OPEN	ADDRESS
Everyday	8am – 10pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel, Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, NW1 OJN.
Everyday	8am – 10pm	The Wesley Hotel, 81-103 Euston Street, NW1 2EZ.
Tuesday	11.30am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 OAD.
Friday	11.30am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 OAD.
Sunday	10am - 12pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 OAD.

URGENTLY NEEDED TARGETED FOOD

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Biscuits
- Jam and Honey
- Baked Beans
- Cereal
- Longlife Milk
- Longlife Juice
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Soap/Shower Gel
- Toilet Rolls
- Laundry Powder

HOW TO DONATE FOOD OVER THE NET?

DAY	TIME	ADDRESS
Tuesday or Friday	11.30am – 2pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 OAD.

HOW TO DONATE MONEY?

THROUGH JUST GIVING

<https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3445418>

100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank.

Selecting **GIFT AID** which will increase your donation.

FOR CHEQUES/DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER WAYS OF GIVING <https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

Camden Foodbank 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 OAD.

Phone for food deliveries only Tuesdays and Fridays – 020 7387 4551

info@camden.foodbank.org.uk

<https://Camden.foodbank.org.uk>

Camden Foodbank registered charity in England and Wales 1084806



Just Giving
for
Camden
Foodbank

Secondary Transfer for September 2025

All year 6 children were sent home at the start of term with a copy of this year's Secondary Transfer booklet (right). Use the link to the right to download a digital copy if you would like.

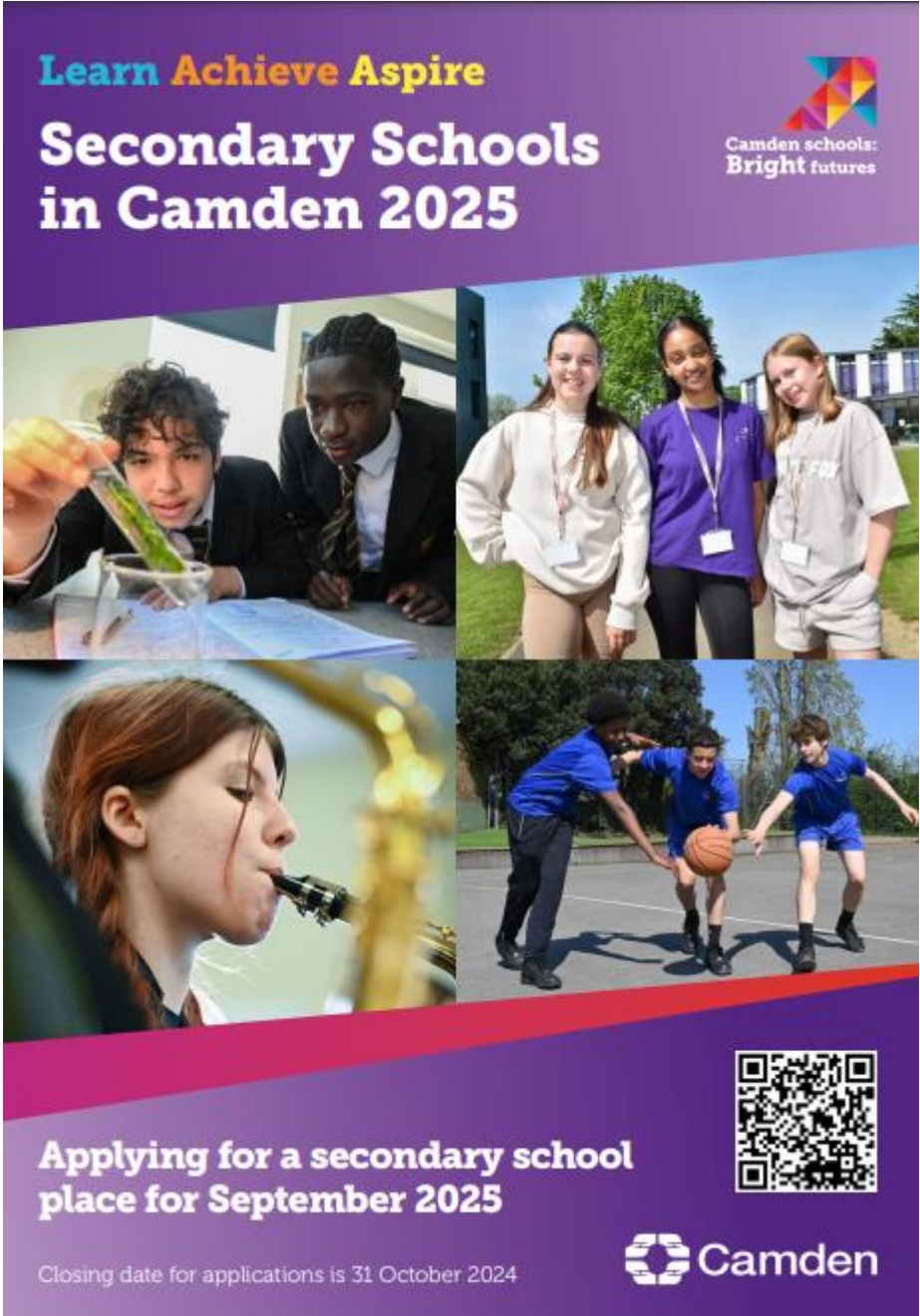
This booklet includes information on all the Camden Secondary schools, their open days and how to apply for a place for your child for September 2025.

The next page of this newsletter includes the page relating to open days running over the next two months.

We would encourage you to attend these open days and to bring your children so they and you can get a feel for each school before deciding where you want to apply.

The 'Meet the Parents' events shown below are also really useful to hear from current parents of their experiences in each school.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

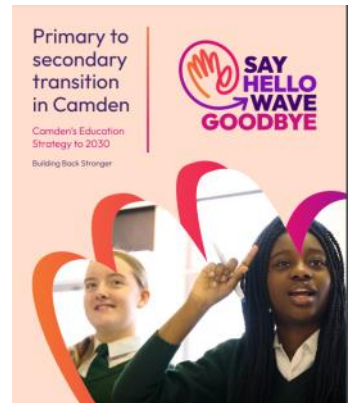


The booklet cover features a purple background with the text 'Learn Achieve Aspire' in blue and orange, and 'Secondary Schools in Camden 2025' in white. The Camden schools logo is in the top right. The cover is divided into four images: a boy in a lab coat holding a test tube, three girls in school uniforms standing outdoors, a girl playing a saxophone, and three boys playing basketball. At the bottom, it says 'Applying for a secondary school place for September 2025' and 'Closing date for applications is 31 October 2024'. A QR code and the Camden logo are also present.

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://www.camden.gov.uk/documents/d/guest/primary-to-secondary-school-transition-in-camden-parents-guide>



The booklet cover has a light pink background. It features the text 'Primary to secondary transition in Camden' and 'Camden's Education Strategy to 2030 Building Back Stronger'. A logo with a hand icon says 'SAY HELLO WAVE GOODBYE'. The bottom image shows two girls in school uniforms, one pointing towards the camera.

Choosing a secondary school in Camden

Open events 2024



Camden schools:
Bright futures

Acland Burghley School

Burghley Road, London NW5 1UJ 020 7485 8515
www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Wednesday 25 September, 5pm
Open mornings: 24, 25 and 26 September, 9am
Sixth Form: Thursday 28 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Hampstead School

Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT
020 7794 8133
www.hampsteadschool.org.uk



Open evening: Tuesday 8 October, 4.30pm
Open mornings: 17, 24 September, 1, 15, 22, 23 October. Please arrive for 9.15am start
Sixth Form: Tuesday 19 November, 6pm

The UCL Academy

Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 3080
www.uclacademy.co.uk



Open evening: Thursday 3 October, 4.30 to 6.30pm
Open mornings: 12, 19 and 26 September, 9 to 10.30am. Please register via the Academy website
Sixth Form: Thursday 7 November, 4.30 to 6.30pm. Please register via the school website

Parliament Hill School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RL
020 7485 7077
www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Thursday 26 September, 5 to 7.30pm
Open mornings: 1, 2 and 8 October, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: Thursday 28 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

La Sainte Union

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RP 020 7428 4600
www.lasainteunion.org.uk



Open evening: Tuesday 17 September, 4 to 7pm
Open days: 8 and 17 October, 9 to 11am. Please register your place on the school website.
Sixth Form: Thursday 28 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Camden School for Girls

Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB 020 7485 3414
www.csfg.org.uk



Open evening: Monday 23 September, 5 to 7pm
Open mornings: 18 and 20 September, 9am to 11am
Sixth Form: Tuesday 19 November. Tickets will be available from 1 October. Please check website nearer the time
Banding assessment registration: register online by 24 September, 12 noon

Haverstock School

24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ
020 7267 0975
www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Tuesday 1 October, 5 to 7pm
Please check the school calendar or contact the school for the arrangements of Sixth Form events
Open mornings with tour of classrooms: Drop in any Thursday from 9 to 10am from 27 September to 25 October

Maria Fidelis School FJC

1–39 Drummond Crescent, London NW1 1LY
020 7387 3856
www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Wednesday 25 September, 4 to 6pm
Open mornings: Every Tuesday during term time. Please check our website for more information
Sixth Form: Please check the school website for more information

Regent High School

Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX 020 7387 0126
www.regenthighschool.org.uk



Open mornings: 30 September to 4 October and 7 to 11 October starting at 9am
Sixth Form: Thursday 14 November, 4 to 6pm

William Ellis School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RN 020 7267 9346
www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Thursday 26 September, 6 to 8pm
Open mornings: 30 September, 4 and 7 October, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: Thursday 28 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Local group **Meet the Parents** holds informal forums at local primary schools, where families can 'meet the parents' and students who attend their local secondary schools.

Find out more about these events: meettheparents.info/latest-events

All Camden secondary schools plan to have open events for parents and the details above were correct at the time of going to print. However, please check the schools' and Camden Council's website for the most up to date information.



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



camdenmusic



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



camdenmusic



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!

Simply apply online

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Have fun learning to play the piano at Fleet School

- Lessons take place during the school day
- Suitable for children in Years 2 - 6
- Buy an instrument at a reduced rate

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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 installment 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
218 – 220 Eversholt Street
London NW1 1BD
Tel 020 7974 7239

camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk

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.
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From the National College - Wakeup Wednesday Guides

At The National College, our Wakeup Wednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed 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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20-30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



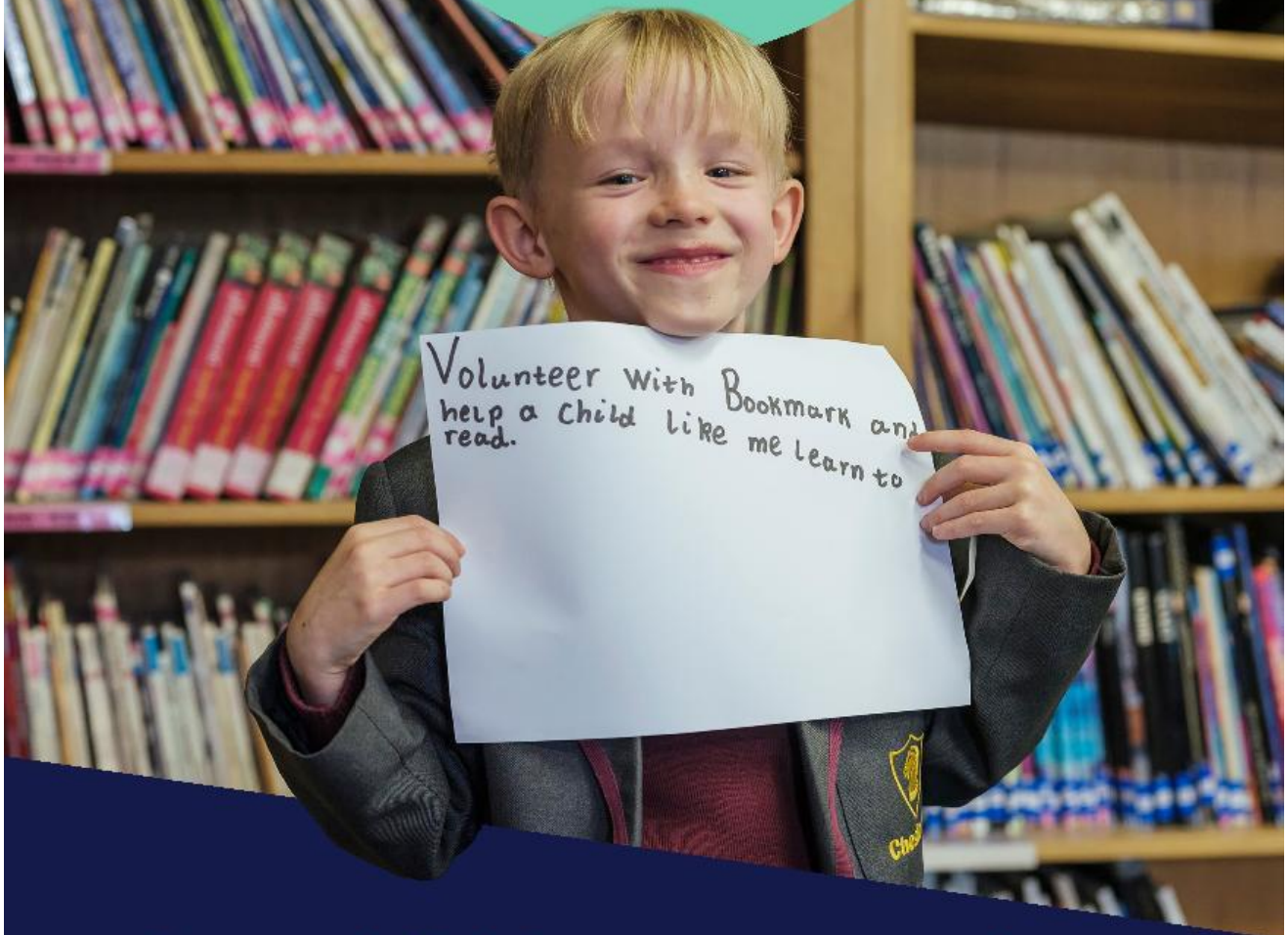
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HvH Arts Half Term Opportunities

HALF TERM, 28 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER

CREATE YOUR OWN HALLOWEEN COSTUME AND HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

with our Artists in Residence – Iyla Shah – Lola Turner and Miranda Barton We will be designing our own Halloween Costumes, Decorations and spooky scenes this week in preparation for the HvH ARTS HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Location: HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

Dates: 28th/29th/30th OCTOBER, 11am - 3pm

IT'S TIME TO PARTY WITH HvH ARTS for HALLOWEEN - EVERYONE WELCOME

With Live performances from our younger band at HvH ARTS – KARAOKE – SPOOKY GAMES – TRICK OR TREAT – PRIZES GALORE – PARTY FOOD and DRINKS Best designed costume wins £25 Voucher with runner up prizes!

Location: HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

Dates: 31st October, Midday to 5pm

GRAFFITI ART – SAM SURE IS BACK!

We are excited to create another fabulous mural on the shutters at Lismore Circus this half term!

Location: HvH ARTS STUDIOS – LSoM – 181 Mansfield Road – NW3 2HP

Dates: 1st November (according to weather), 11am - 3pm, Age: 10-18yrs

WINTER HAF PROGRAMME

21st/22nd & 23rd DECEMBER

HvH ARTS will be supporting all our beneficiaries over the HAF WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM during the Christmas Holidays with very exciting workshops in Cooking/Photography/Art with an exciting CHRISTMAS PARTY, LUNCH and a visit from Santa Claus. Full details for this program will be launched at the end of October.

EVENTS at HvH ARTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY 31st OCTOBER – Midday to 5pm at HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

SCREENING of our Music Documentary 'Rock u Mentory' funded by AMPLIFY LDN London Music Fund and YouTube Music being hosted by our partners at COMPANY 3 (Date TBC)


'The Crimson' Our TMMP Band PERFORMANCE at Corem Field Firework Display Tuesday 5th NOVEMBER from 4.30pm

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO OUR MAILING LIST YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE ON OUR HOME PAGE AT www.hvharts.org

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Tuesday 29 October

Make a haunted house lantern and join an eerie procession through the Museum.

SPOOKY SHADOW ANIMATION

Wednesday 30 October

Create your own scary shadow puppet then use lightboxes to tell a haunted animated story.

MOVING MONSTERS

Thursday 31 October

Make a moving puppet monster so you can scare your family and friends!

HALLOWEEN HAND PUPPETS

Friday 1 November

Craft a spooky hand puppet from felt and act out a ghostly story in the Halloween puppet theatre.

Workshops run 11am-1pm & 2-4pm | Tickets Free-£10

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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

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or call **020 7974 2792** to arrange a time.

Cllr Marcus Boyland

1st Thursday of the month

Fleet School Fleet Road
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9am to 10am

3rd and 5th Thursday of the month

Queen's Crescent Job Hub
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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
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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
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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
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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



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](#)



Camden Mobile Health

Come and visit us for a **BMI and Know Your Risk score assessment and blood pressure check, winter flu and COVID vaccination for eligible people***, smoking cessation information and advice, no appointment needed

We will be open at the below locations:

Bus location	Date
Cressfield Close - 68 Cressfield Close NW5 4BW	Thursday 3 October 11am - 4pm
Charlie Ratchford Court - 43 Crogsland Road, NW1 8FA	Friday 4 October 11am - 4pm
Somerstown Community Centre - 156 Ossulston Street, NW1 1EE	Monday 7 October 11am - 4pm
Argenta House - 1 Aspern Grove, NW3 2AB	Friday 11 October 11am-4pm
Irish Centre Wellness Event - 50-52 Camden Square, NW1 9XB	Thursday 17 October 11am-2pm
C4WS / Salvation Army - 10-16 Haverstock Hill, NW3 2BL	Friday 18 October 10am-2pm
Bramber Green Family Day - 4 Cromer Street, London WC1H 8JS	Saturday 19 October 11am-4pm



*Groups to be offered the Flu vaccination are:

- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2024
- all children in clinical risk groups aged from 6 months to less than 18 years
- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 18 years to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (as defined by the Green Book, Influenza Chapter 19)
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those that are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants

*Groups to be offered the COVID vaccination are:

- all adults aged 65 years and over
- persons aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group, as defined in tables 3 and 4 of the COVID-19 chapter of the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Green Book on immunisation against infectious disease
- Front-line health and social care workers and staff working in care homes for older adults will continue to be offered COVID-19 vaccination in the autumn 2024 programme in England.

Know Your Risk assessment (KYR)

KYR score uses a points system to identify if a person is at low, increased, moderate or high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

It is evidence-based and consists of seven simple questions related to age, gender, ethnicity, family history, waist measurement, Body Mass Index(BMI) and blood pressure.

Based on this score, advice is provided in the form of lifestyle changes or a GP referral

**The
Children's
Society**



Emotional health and well-being support

For Children and Young People aged 6-25

Drop-in sessions taking place each Thursday
between 2.30pm-6:30pm



Camden Beam at
Calthorpe Community Garden
258-274 Gray's Inn Road
WC1X 8LH

Find out more:
childrenssociety.org.uk/beam
Service email address:
CamdenBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk



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

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

WEBINAR SERIES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY AND SECOND- ARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topics this year (from now through to June 2025) include...

- Parent Self Care
- Therapeutic conversations with your child and young person
- Sleep
- Screen Time
- Sibling relationships
- Parent-child interactions
- Managing routines
- Supporting Childhood worries
- Anxiety in Adolescence
- Understanding Adolescent Development

See next page for further details of each workshop, when they are and how to book a place...

FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOLS PRACTITIONER

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

Camden MHST—Online Workshops for Parents

October 2024-June 2025

Each workshop will last up to 60 minutes and have an optional follow-up of 30 minutes for parents/carers to ask questions or discuss the topic further. Parents and carers can opt in for all topics, or whichever most appeals to them.



To find out more information about each workshop and to sign up for free, please follow Eventbrite link or use QR code above:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-parent-and-carer-online-workshop-series-2024-2025-tickets-1008208567967>

Parent/Child Interactions

How do you spend time with your child? The aim of this webinar is for you as parents and carers to find out more about what makes positive parent/child interactions and how to promote, maintain and increase positive connections with your child. A secure and positive relationship has a positive effect on children's physical health (e.g., helping brain development), emotional well-being (e.g., view of self, others and the world) and behaviour (e.g., positive behaviours more likely to follow). This webinar will help you improve your relationship with your child.

For Primary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 22nd October, 12.00-13.00
Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

Screen-time

Screen Time – perhaps a challenge for all parents of this technological age? In this Webinar we hope to provide you with up-to-date research as well as explore why this topic can be so emotive for families alongside some helpful ideas parents might wish to try out.

For Primary and Secondary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 26th November AM&PM
12.00-13.00, Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

Sleep

How does your child sleep? Why is sleep so important for children and young people? Having problems with sleep is very common. Approximately 1 in 5 adults have some difficulty with sleep. This webinar will help you understand more about how you can support your child to improve his/her sleep and well-being.

For Primary and Secondary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 17th December, 12.00-13.00
Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

Managing Routines

Consistent routines that are developmentally appropriate can promote your child's independence and help with overall family functioning - not to mention making that morning routine that little bit easier! In this webinar we will be talking about to introduce and maintain routines for all family members.

For Primary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 28th January, 12.00-13.00
Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

Understanding Adolescent Development

Adolescence is a time of great change. Young People at this stage of life are going through physical, hormonal, emotional, relational as well as psychological change. This Webinar aims to provide a brief overview of these key changes so that Parents/Carers feel better equipped to make sense of and support their young person's development.

For Secondary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 25th February, 12.00-13.00
Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

Having therapeutic conversations with your child

How to have therapeutic conversations with your child? Having open, thoughtful and caring conversations with your child can be very beneficial for a child's emotional well-being and their social problem-solving skills. Join us for this Webinar to learn some top tips for having these important conversations with your child.

For Primary and Secondary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 25th March AM & PM
12.00-13.00, Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

Sibling Relationships

The relationship between siblings is a big part of the children's learning and development. Siblings grow up in the same environment, they share same parents, same memories and similar experiences. The sibling relationship is going to last longer than any other ones and it plays an integral part in the families' lives. Join us for this Webinar if you want to know more about how the sibling relationship has an impact on the child's learning and development.

For Primary and Secondary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 29th April, 12.00-13.00
Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

Supporting Childhood Worries

What is worry? What do children worry about? Why? The aim of this webinar is to help you as parents and carers understand more about the different worries children typically have and to learn some strategies for managing your child's worries (e.g., facing anxiety-provoking situations, problem solving, refocusing attention and relaxation/mindfulness techniques). This webinar will help you if you find yourself struggling to manage your child's worries.

For Primary and Secondary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 20th May, 12.00-13.00
Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

Anxiety in Adolescence

What is anxiety? What are young people worried about at the moment? Teenagers are often more reluctant to talk about and work on their anxiety as this can make them feel embarrassed or self-conscious. The aim of this webinar is to help you as parents and carers to learn more about the different types of anxiety typically experienced by teenagers. This webinar will help you understand how to support your teenager in overcoming worry and anxiety.

For Secondary School Parents/Carers
Tuesday 24th June
12.00-13.00, Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30

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



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.



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
	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0800 995 1000
South West London	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 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.



Recycle 4 Charity

Treasure Hunt

Attention to all children and teachers!

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

and when not hiding inside printers they usually look like this

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

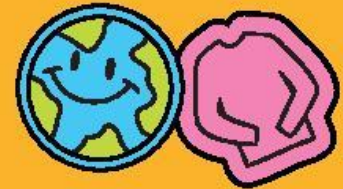
www.recycle4charity.co.uk

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.





FREE SCHOOL CLOTHING



- ✓ **SAVE YOUR FAMILY MONEY**
- ✓ **STOP SCHOOL CLOTHES FROM GOING TO LANDFILL**
- ✓ **MAKE CAMDEN A MORE SUSTAINABLE PLACE**



We'd love you to come along to use our School Uniform Exchange. Pick up good quality, pre-loved school clothing for free, to save money and help the planet.



WHEN AND WHERE TO FIND US:

Rhyl Community Primary School
Monday-Thursday 9.30-11.30am
Grafton Road, NW5 4AX

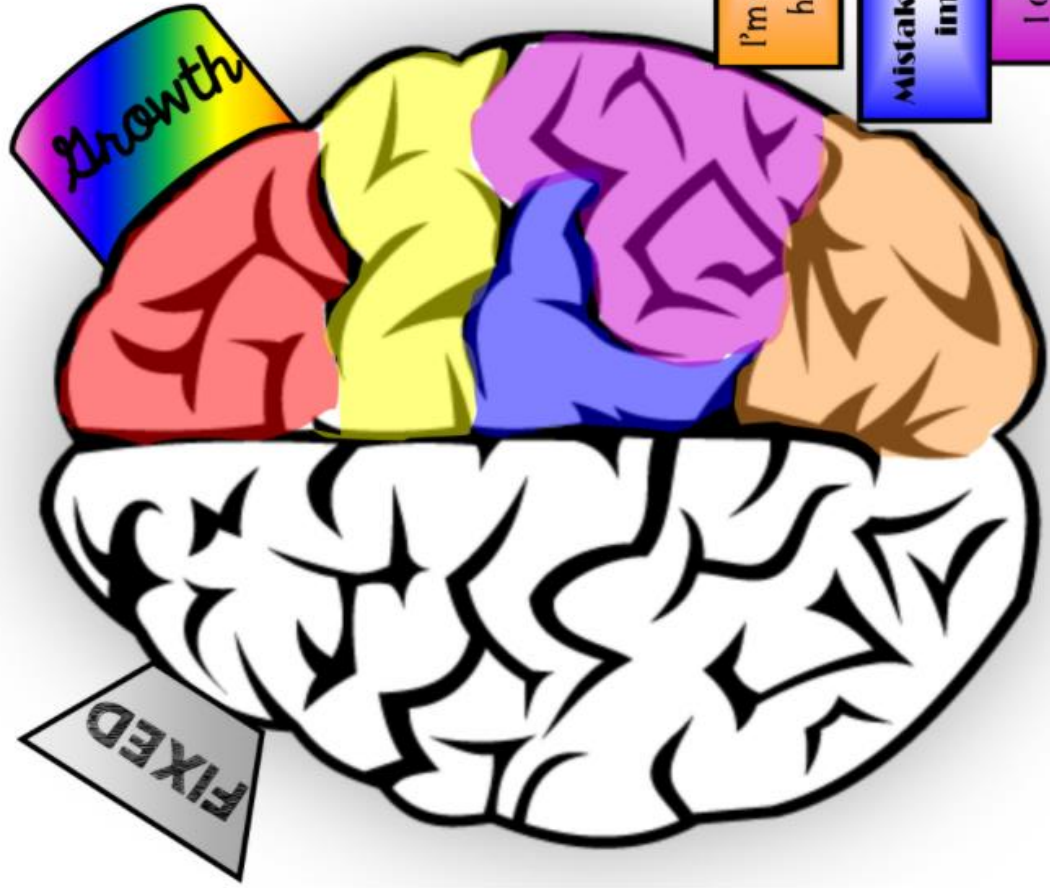


COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND SAVE FAMILIES MONEY



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.**



'That's not very ladylike'

'Man up'



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.

'You cry like a girl'

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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