



Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening Meetings

You will have been sent a link to book a meeting with your child's teacher/s. Please do book a ten minute meeting if you haven't already. Please note that Beech, Oak and Acorns classes will have their meetings after half term. Teachers will send you all the Zoom codes on Monday.

Secondary Transfer

Beech class parents and carers must apply for a secondary school place for your child by midnight on the 31st October. You can apply at www.eadmissions.org.uk. Please contact the school office if you need help to apply. I am happy to meet with/ talk to any parents or carers if you need advice regarding secondary school places.

Harvest Festival

This annual event will take place tomorrow in the school hall. Chestnut and Beech will be in the school hall (doors and windows open) and everyone else will Zoom in. We will sing the usual harvest songs and would love you to join us. Pam will send you the Zoom code if you would like to take part. Please make a donation on ParentPay and we will pass all funds on to the Chalk farm Foodbank. Thank you for your generosity so far (£266 donated as of Thursday afternoon).

School Development and Improvement Plan 2020-21

Our plan for the coming year has been drafted and agreed with Governors. It can now be shared with you. I will be arranging a coffee morning on Zoom after half term to discuss the plan and take questions from parents and carers. Please see the plan over leaf.

INSET day — Friday 23rd October

Please note that the last day of school for your children will be Thursday 22nd October. On Friday 23rd October staff will be training with an external trainer and we will be looking at maximising our curriculum so that it reflects the diverse community that we serve. We are looking to review our curriculum in response to the BLM movement.

Hot Lunches for All

All children will be able to have a hot lunch from Monday. This is just a reminder that all children in Oak, Ash and Willow classes are entitled to a free school dinner under the universal free school meal offer, funded by the Government. Please let Pam know if you would like to access this—admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk.

Coffee Morning Zooms

We are looking to set up our Wednesday morning sessions for parents and carers. These will have to be on Zoom and they will be at 9.25am. Please email the office if there is a particular session that would help you and we will do our best to help.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher

Kentish Town Church of England Primary School



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School Development and Improvement Plan Overview 2020-21

These are the key things we have decided to work on in order to further improve the provision for our children. The four headings below are the key areas which Ofsted look at in schools.

Quality of Education (curriculum intent, implementation and impact)

- Review our curriculum so that it reflects the experiences and diversity of our community and for all opportunities for anti-racist teaching to be maximised.
- Implement the new RSE curriculum in light of the statutory changes and advice from the Church of England.
- Further develop the quality of teaching in RE
- To utilise all opportunities to assess and fill in gaps in children's learning following the period of school closure, successfully utilising any catch up premium funds.

Personal Development and Wellbeing.

- Embed the PSHE curriculum to ensure that safeguarding is evident in response to local context.
- Further develop a whole school response to promoting the positive mental health of children and staff.

Behaviour and Attitudes

- Consolidate children's behaviour for learning by revisiting Growth Mindset project.
- Continue to work closely with parents and carers as partners in their children's learning (building on their contribution during school closure).

Leadership and Management (including Governance)

- Developing the leadership skills of all subject leaders to support their articulation of the 3 x I's in their subject/s. *
- Curriculum Leaders group to lead on the development of our curriculum.
- Continue to report to Curriculum Committee on the Intent, Implementation and Impact of our curriculum.

* Intent, Implementation and Impact

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Secondary Transfer:

Camden council have a film just out on what makes the secondary schools in our area stand out. You can watch it here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db-zlk4_Kk

Also, a reminder that the deadline for secondary school transfer applications is **October 31st** and you can see what open days are still happening here: <https://news.camden.gov.uk/moving-on-to-secondary-school-in-camden-2021/>

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Supporting schools in the community



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Happy Birthday to all those children who have a birthday in October.

Stephen
Arlo
Clara
Florence
Liyana

Rocco
Alexander
Noah
Amity
Jibrail

Etienne
Mia-Belle
Arthur
Thomas

Daniele
Gabriela
Mimi
Aisha

Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling newsfeed at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews](https://www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews)
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil)
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus e-newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

CORONAVIRUS CASES ARE RISING: PLEASE FOLLOW THIS ADVICE

Coronavirus usually spreads when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, spreading droplets from their mouth and nose onto another person's face.

You can also catch coronavirus by touching something that has the virus on it and then touching your own mouth, nose or eyes. Prevent it spreading by following this advice:



Regularly wash your hands



Wear a face covering in indoor public spaces and please make sure it covers your nose and mouth. Remember that some people – including those with disabilities that aren't visible – are exempt from wearing face coverings



Keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with



Don't socialise indoors or outdoors in groups of more than 6 people



Consider taking extra precautions when you visit vulnerable people.

Please remember that coronavirus can spread wherever you are – including when you visit the homes of loved ones. By following the above advice wherever you go, you can keep yourself, loved ones and your community safe.

GOT SYMPTOMS? STAY HOME AND GET TESTED



High temperature



New, persistent cough



Loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste

Request a test online at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

OR CALL 119

For support to self-isolate, call the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**



With coronavirus cases continuing to rise across London and nationally, it's more important than ever that we all follow the current guidelines to keep each other safe.

Rising cases means that we could see additional restrictions introduced across London very soon. If this happens, we will communicate the changes to you so you know what is happening. We are also committed to making sure residents get the support they need to get through these difficult times. Please contact us if you need support – including help to self-isolate – on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)

I want to thank everyone who has so far donated to help end Camden's digital divide via Camden Learning, the company we set up to work in partnership with our schools. It's crucial that our young people are not denied the online learning they desperately need during this time by not having access to the right technology. Find out more below and donate at [crowdfunder.co.uk/end-the-digital-divide-for-camden-pupils](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/end-the-digital-divide-for-camden-pupils)

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Camden libraries update

By Monday 19 October, all of Camden's libraries will be open for book browsing, access to computers, printing, scanning and photocopying.

All libraries have measures in place to keep staff and residents safe, including regular cleaning and social distancing between computers. Book browsing is limited to 20 minutes and visitors must wear face coverings, in line

with Government guidance.

Libraries will have dedicated displays of books by Black authors as part of Black History Season, and children's books for half-term.

Find out more and access Camden's digital library at [camden.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.camden.gov.uk/libraries)



Camden closer to ending digital divide

In just three weeks, Camden Learning's Crowdfunder has raised over £35,000 to buy vital computers for Camden's most disadvantaged students.

Around 3,000 Camden pupils are without access to online learning at home.

Camden Learning is asking people to support the Crowdfunder to raise money to support schoolchildren to gain digital access if they are sent home due to coronavirus cases in their school or there is a local lockdown.

Donate at [crowdfunder.co.uk/end-the-digital-divide-for-camden-pupils](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/end-the-digital-divide-for-camden-pupils)



Any incident that is perceived by the victim or any other person to be racist, homophobic, transphobic, or due to a person's religion, belief, gender identity or disability may be a hate crime.

Despite the fact that people have been staying at home more during the pandemic, hate crime has sadly remained an issue both locally and nationally.

This week is National Hate Crime Awareness Week, and Camden Council is encouraging anyone who sees or experiences hateful behaviour to report it.

To report this behaviour you can call or visit the police, call the Council on **020 7974 4444**, or visit [camden.gov.uk/hate-crime](https://www.camden.gov.uk/hate-crime) and report to a partner organisation.

If you have been a victim of hate crime, there is support available – visit the Council's website for more information.