



# Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Coren is back!

This week we have welcomed Coren back to school, which means there is music in the building once again. There has also been music on Zoom. This morning we welcomed families and the children in school bubbles to join us for singing with KS2 and EYFS/ KS1. These will be regular assembly slots on Thursdays and Friday mornings. Please make sure your children join in and sing along. Teachers will send out codes.

## Father Peter

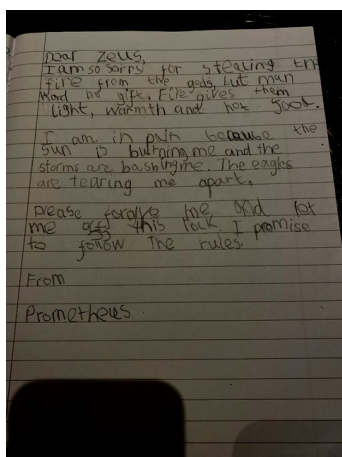
Next Wednesday, 20th January, Fr Peter will also be leading collective worship, live on Zoom, after his post Christmas break. Again teachers will send out codes.

## Chromebooks

Please let us know if you need a loaned Chromebook from school. We can arrange for you to pick up a device as needed to help you get online with your child. Please also let us know if you need help with wifi as we can help with this as well. Email [admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk) or email your child/ren's teacher.

## Children Entitled to Free School Meals

Hampers from Caterlink are available to collect for this week and last week. Email [admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk) if you need one of these. Parents will automatically be sent Edenred vouchers, as you were during the previous lockdown, to cover the period from Monday 18th January until half term. The vouchers will be for £3 per day, per child.



## Amazing work from Jamie Clark in Cedar Class

Flora shared this superb piece of writing from Jamie in Cedar class. Writing in role as Prometheus, he is begging Zeus for forgiveness for sharing fire with people. Great work Jamie!

Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be flagging up great work from children who are managing their remote learning well and I will be celebrating this in assemblies on in newsletters.

## Well Done Everyone

I appreciate how challenging this lockdown is for everyone—whether we are at home or working in Bubbles in school. We have managed to get through another week and it has been so lovely to see so many children joining assemblies. On one assembly last week there were 70 families and classes joining. Please keep Zooming in. It is important to feel connected at this time.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher

Rudy and Arlo's Mum Ellie has been working with a sustainable clothing brand ([Rubbish London](#)) which has a climate change poster competition for primary age children running this month. As this seems to be something people are very interested in, she thought some of you might like to take part. The winner will receive a £50 Smyths toys voucher and a £50 Rubbish London voucher for their Mum - they may even use one of the designs on a sweatshirt.

All you have to do is design a climate change poster - anything you think will represent climate change - and send a clear photo of it to Ellie by email: [ellie@thegreenish.co.uk](mailto:ellie@thegreenish.co.uk) with your first name. Please don't put yourself in the photo as they're going on Instagram. Please send by Thursday 21st January. Any winners will be notified by Ellie.



Happy Birthday to all those children who celebrate a birthday in January.

Poppy

Kaius

Tess

Gabriel

Thomas

Sean

Lily-Rose

George

Isabel

Maxim

Brodan

John

Suzi

Evan

Ilyas

Jibran

Frida

Manu

Ibrahim

Dear Parents/Carer,

The Mental Health Support Team are excited to be able to offer all primary schools within Camden a parent/carers webinar series of five workshops. These will include the following topics:

- Introduction to the Mental Health Support Team: Why Early Intervention Matters
- Parent/Carer Self-Care
- Understanding and supporting your child's worries
- Routines
- Parent/Carer and child interactions

Each workshop will last up to 60 minutes and have an optional follow up 20 minutes for further questions for those parents or carers that are interested.

Parents/carers can register for any of the above webinars through Eventbrite (for free) at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parentcarer-webinar-series-tickets-135509262853> . Parents/carers can opt in for all five topics of workshops, or whichever most appeals to them. Our webinar series will run from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021.

The scheduled dates, times and topics are:

Topic	Day and Date	Time
Introduction to the Mental Health Support Team: Why Early Intervention Matters	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	5-6 pm
Parent/Carer Self-Care	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021	12-1 pm 1-1.20 pm -Q&A
Understanding and supporting your child with worries - <i>Option A</i>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	5-6 pm 6-6.20pm -Q&A
Understanding and supporting your child with worries - <i>Option B</i>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	12-1 pm 1-1.20 pm -Q&A
Routines	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021	12-1 pm 1-1.20 pm -Q&A
Parent/Carer and Child interactions	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021	12-1 pm 1-1.20 pm -Q&A
Introduction to the Mental Health Support Team: Why Early Intervention Matters	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021	5-6 pm

# Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

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

- Visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) – Includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil and Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://facebook.com/LBCamden)
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



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



The situation in Camden and London is incredibly serious right now. With the national lockdown in place until at least the middle of February, the most powerful action any of us can take is to stay at home.

Sadly, it's likely to get worse before it gets better. With the NHS close to breaking point, I cannot stress enough how

important it is to follow public health advice and lockdown restrictions. Lives really do depend on it.

There is hope, however. It's brilliant news that the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine has started in Camden. While we're very much at the beginning of the vaccination process, it will be crucial in helping to reduce illness, hospitalisations and deaths from COVID-19, and easing pressure on the NHS. When you are eligible for the vaccine, the NHS will be in touch with you so please wait for them to contact you – and make sure you are registered with a GP.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

## STAY AT HOME TO SAVE LIVES AND PROTECT OUR NHS



**NATIONAL LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS**

The number of people with COVID-19 continues to rise and our hospitals are close to breaking point. Please follow lockdown restrictions, including:



**Stay at home**



**Work from home if you can**



If you need to leave home for essential reasons, please act like you have COVID-19, and treat others as if they have COVID-19 too



Do not socialise indoors or outdoors with anyone you don't live with or are not in a support bubble with

Read the guidance in full at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## Follow public health advice to prevent catching or passing on coronavirus



Wear a face covering in indoor public spaces and busy outdoor spaces, unless you're exempt



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly



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

Got coronavirus symptoms (new, persistent cough; high temperature; loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste)? Self-isolate and get a free test by calling 119 or via [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

If you need help booking a test, call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) – they can help you access support at the same time.

## Protecting Camden's communities

Camden Council's frontline presence teams continue to work in our communities, providing business owners with information and reassurance, and enforcing the current regulations.

This includes ensuring that businesses comply with a range of restrictions, for example those relating to social distancing and wearing face coverings inside.

The teams conduct daily proactive patrols in partnership with the police in order to identify issues. They will not hesitate to enforce any breaches to help protect lives at this critical time.

## Exercise safely – follow the guidance

Keeping active is vital for our mental health and wellbeing, especially at the moment. However, coronavirus cases are very high and it's crucial we do everything we can to keep ourselves and others safe, including in Camden's parks and open spaces:



Keep a safe distance from anyone you don't live with



Limit exercise to once a day



Avoid areas if busy



Stay local



Keep moving and don't use parks and open spaces for socialising

Camden leisure centres are currently closed, but you can access a variety of free home workouts and virtual classes with the Better UK app to stay active at home. Find out more at [better.org.uk](https://better.org.uk)

## Keeping safe in school or college

During lockdown, vulnerable children can continue to



attend school or college. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can also attend, although parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.

Camden schools have reviewed their risk assessments in line with local and national guidance and safety measures to keep children and staff safe. Secondary school pupils and staff, and some primary school staff, are taking part in regular rapid testing.

## Camden libraries

Camden libraries remain open for computer and internet access along with a 'request and read' book service. Libraries continue to operate in line with Government guidance to ensure buildings remain COVID-secure. Camden Council understands many residents do not have digital access at home and may need this for essential reasons.

The Council's Home Library Service is also available for housebound customers, including those who are shielding. Books, magazines and newspapers can be downloaded from the Council's digital library.

Visit [camden.gov.uk/libraries](https://camden.gov.uk/libraries) or contact your local library for more information.