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Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Eid Mubarak

Wishing our Muslim families and staff very happy and prosperous Eid. Jahanara has helped us all to learn more about Ramadan and Eid in an assembly in the last few weeks. She will also be doing some cooking in school so that everyone can learn more about the festival of Eid.

Thursday 13th May is authorised absence for families to celebrate Eid but children are expected to be in school on Friday 14th May. Thank you.

Staffing Update

The resignation date for teaching staff, who wish to leave in July, is at the end of May. I will update you as to staff changes for next year, after half term. I will let you know who your child's teacher/s will be when their report is sent home to you at the beginning of July.

Windrush Day — can you help?

Did a member of your family come to Britain from the Caribbean at some point in the 1950's or 1960's? Windrush Day is on the 22nd June and we plan to celebrate the contribution of families who made this journey. It would be really special if any family could share some of their oral history in an assembly. You could record the information on a phone in advance or else your child could make a short presentation about the family experience. Please email me if you could help: head@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk. **Thank you for your support.**

Recovery Questionnaire

Now that school has reopened, we would like your views regarding what you think your child/ren would most benefit from in terms of recovering from the disruption of the last 14 months. The survey will be circulated on Survey Monkey and we will keep it simple but your views will help us in further shaping our recovery strategy.

Foxlease — Beech Class Residential Trip

Many thanks to those who attended the recent meeting about this trip. All plans are in place for the visit to go ahead from 14th—18th June. The trip is set up on ParentPay and we would very much appreciate it if you could begin to make some payments for the trip as soon as possible and certainly by Friday May 28th when I need to confirm final numbers.

Nursery Places

Although we have offered all places in our reception (Oak) class for September 2021, we have a number of places in nursery (Acorns). Please do mention this to anyone you know who is looking for a nursery place for September. Unlike reception, we can offer nursery places to any child and so church attendance or living close to the school are not necessary. Our nursery is excellent and Tracy and her team provide a superb environment for children aged 3 and 4 years. There is a short film on our school website highlighting the nursery offer for anyone who may be interested.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher

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 – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil) and Facebook 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



As we look ahead to the next step in the Government's roadmap on Monday (17 May), I want to reiterate my thanks for the vital role you've all played in helping to keep Camden safe. The combination of following the rules, along with the vaccine roll-out and regular testing, has undoubtedly saved lives.

With more businesses and venues opening from next week, such as museums and cinemas, and the rules easing to allow customers to sit inside hospitality venues, many will be looking forward to enjoying more of what our borough has to offer. Camden's businesses have been working hard to welcome you back safely, but it's vital you continue to follow the latest guidance, which includes the rules around hands, face, space and fresh air, and I urge you to take up the offer of free, regular, rapid lateral flow tests (for people without symptoms).

Mental Health Awareness Week (10 to 16 May) reminds us that this continues to be a difficult time for many. So check in with your loved ones, and if you need any support, visit camden.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing

Finally, Eid Mubarak to those who are celebrating. We've included some tips below to help you mark the occasion safely – thank you for all you're doing to keep Camden safe.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Please keep following the rules to keep Camden safe

From Monday 17 May, restrictions will be eased slightly but until then, please remember that you can only socialise indoors with your household or bubble, and outdoors in groups of 6 people or 2 households. Whether you're meeting up with others, going for an outdoor meal or popping to the shops, please keep following the rules to keep yourself and those around you safe.

HANDS



FACE



SPACE



FRESH AIR



TEST



For more information on easing of restrictions, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

Book your COVID-19 vaccine now

If you fall into one of the below categories, you're eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccine now:

- **Everyone aged 38 and over**
- **People at risk or high risk from coronavirus (clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable)**
- **Health and social care workers, including care home workers**
- **People who have a learning disability**
- **The main carer for someone at high risk from coronavirus**

Book your appointment now by calling **119** for free or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine



Make rapid testing part of your weekly routine



Rapid tests are for people without COVID-19 symptoms. Everyone is eligible for two free tests a week and you get results in 30-45 minutes. Please log your test result with the NHS, even if it's negative. This helps Public Health keep track of the virus and helps to stop the spread.

To find your closest test site, home test pick-up or delivery options, visit camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

Please note the rapid test site at the London Irish Centre closes this week.

If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, you need to self-isolate and book a PCR test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call **119**. Rapid tests are not suitable if you have symptoms.

Helping to keep Camden safe



As more hospitality venues, including pubs, restaurants and cafes reopen for indoor dining from Monday 17 May, the Council's Frontline Presence Team is out across the borough offering support and advice to residents and businesses on how to keep each other safe.

Our high streets and town centres are at the heart of our community. Local high streets, markets and shops are following

government guidance to welcome you back safely. Shop local, enjoy what's new and rediscover old favourites. To find out more, visit camden.gov.uk/highstreets

Local businesses can download a copy of the Council's toolkit for reopening safely, including information on support available, at camden.gov.uk/business-support

Support with money concerns

Camden Council recognises people are experiencing new financial challenges due to COVID-19. If your circumstances have changed, there is help available from the Camden Advice Network and the Council. Support includes affordable repayment plans for debts to the Council, help accessing financial support, and access to employment, debt and mental health advice. The Council can also help with one-off crisis or self-isolation payments.

- For general financial support call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit camden.gov.uk/financialsupport
- For council tax debt call **020 7974 6414**
- For council tenant debts call **020 7974 4444 (option 3, then 5)**
- For leaseholder debt call **020 7974 3559**

Eid Mubarak

If you're celebrating Eid al-Fitr, please do it safely to prevent yourself catching or passing on coronavirus:

- If visiting your local mosque, follow on-site signage and guidance.
- If celebrating at home, pray with loved ones virtually over Zoom or live-stream prayers.
- Please enjoy the Eid meal and catching up with loved ones safely by following public health guidance. In addition, avoid sharing platters of food and, if celebrating inside with your household or bubble, open windows to keep the space well ventilated.

For more information, visit mcb.org.uk/resources/coronavirus