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Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Ash and Beech

I am delighted to report that on Wednesday of last week we welcomed back the adults and children from the Ash and Beech “Bubbles”. Most children are back in school and the classes have been getting back into the swing of their learning—which is exactly what they should be doing. Thank you to parents and carers for your support with the children’s remote learning while they were isolating. There have been no further positive tests from either class.

School Office

Pam is working on her own in the school office as Sarah is working remotely for the foreseeable future. Can you please help Pam by dropping off lunches etc. with your children and not later in the morning, wherever possible. It is very difficult for Pam to repeatedly leave the office and much of the time she is extremely busy. Please email questions and queries to admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk and Pam will respond when the office is quieter. Many thanks for your understanding.

Secondary Transfer

Many of the local secondary schools are hosting virtual tours for prospective parents and students. If your child/ren is/are in Beech class and you would like a meeting with me regarding secondary transfer then please contact the office to arrange an appointment. We can meet in person or via Zoom. The deadline for secondary transfer is 31st October and you should apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

Drop Off and Pick Up

There is obviously a great deal of congestion outside our school at the beginning and the end of the school day. I would ask that you consider whether you need to drive your child/ren in or at the end of the school day. Double parking outside the school creates a problem for all road users and is very unsafe for you and your child. Wherever possible please walk or cycle to school.

I have contacted Camden Council this week to make them aware of the need for a widening of the footpaths outside our school to enable more effective social distancing and to enquire about creating a car free “school street” along Islip Street.

Parent Governor Election

There is a parent governor election in process. There are two candidates: Rachel Wrangham and Graeme Caul. Please check your email inboxes for candidate statements and details of the voting procedures.

Nasal Flu Vaccine for Years 1 - 6

Please ask Pam for a consent form if you DO want your child/ren to receive this vaccination. Email: admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk.

Second Sensory Room

We have been able to develop a second sensory room in our early years area. This space can be used by our Acorns and Oak children immediately. A generous parental donation made this development possible.



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Iris

Maizie

Buddy Bear

Tara

Henry

Kadijah

Maaryah

Kimmy-Delilah

Loren

Violet

Stella

Sid

Jannah

Zakeen

Benjamin

Amelia

Evan

Daniel

Eva

James



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
- Check the rolling newsfeed at 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 receive the Council's e-newsletter at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

NHS COVID-19 app

The NHS COVID-19 app launches today (Thursday 24 September) to support Test and Trace. The app will help to prevent the spread of coronavirus by:

1. Enabling people to scan a QR code to 'check-in' to a venue – e.g. a shop, voluntary organisation or place of worship.
2. Helping to identify people who've been in close recent contact with someone who's then tested positive for coronavirus – including people they may not personally know.

Downloading the app is advised but not mandatory. To find out more and download the app, visit covid19.nhs.uk

COVID-19 app guidance for businesses

All local businesses and venues – including shops, voluntary organisations and places of worship – are encouraged to download and display their unique QR code poster for recording visitors' contact details. It is a legal requirement for businesses and venues in these sectors to display a QR code poster.

- **Hospitality** e.g. restaurants, hotels and bars
- **Leisure and tourism** e.g. gyms, museums and cinemas
- **Close contact services** e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons
- **Local authority venues** e.g. libraries and children's centres.



camden.gov.uk/coronavirus
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With coronavirus cases rising across London, and as new measures are put in place to slow the spread, I want to reassure Camden residents that we are here to support you.

I know you've all had to make personal sacrifices over the past six months to keep each other safe – and it's vital that we all continue to follow public health advice. This includes self-isolating and getting tested if you develop symptoms. If you struggle to access a test, please keep trying. Regardless of whether you can access a test, you must self-isolate – this means not leaving your home at all, except to get a test.

If you need any help with self-isolating – whether that's accessing food, support with your work, needs including finances, or help with your children's education and caring responsibilities – please call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus. We're also putting additional support in place to protect our most vulnerable residents.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

New Government guidance

The Government has announced new restrictions to curb the rise in coronavirus cases across the country. These include:

- People should work from home wherever possible.
- From today (Thursday 24 September), restaurants, pubs and bars must close at 10pm – they will also be restricted to table service only.
- **Face coverings:** By law, you must now wear a face covering if you are travelling in a taxi or visiting a restaurant, pub or bar, except when seated at a table to eat or drink. Staff in the retail, leisure and hospitality industries must wear face coverings where they are likely to come in close contact with the public.
- **Fines for not wearing one** have been increased to £200 for the first offence. To request a free print or digital exemption badge, search 'face covering exemption' at gov.uk
- **Weddings:** The maximum number of guests will be reduced from 30 to 15 from Monday (28 September).
- **Public sporting events:** Plans to allow fans to return are paused.
- **Rule of six:** As of Monday (28 September), socialising in a group of no more than 6 also applies to indoor team sports for over-18s.

For more information, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

Crowdfunder launched to end digital divide in schools

Camden Learning, a partnership between local schools and Camden Council, has launched its first ever Crowdfunder to raise money to support school children whose learning is most affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

More than 3,000 Camden pupils are without access to a computer – or have to share with siblings. Unless money is raised to buy laptops and Wi-Fi access, many of these children, who are among the most disadvantaged in the borough, will be denied the online learning they desperately need if they are sent home due to COVID-19 cases in their school or there is a local or national lockdown. To support these pupils, Camden Learning is asking residents and businesses to support the Crowdfunder to end the digital divide. To donate or find out more, visit crowdfunder.co.uk/end-the-digital-divide-for-camden-pupils



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CORONAVIRUS CASES ARE RISING ACROSS LONDON

GOT SYMPTOMS? SELF-ISOLATE AND GET TESTED.

If you develop symptoms, or someone you live with does, self-isolating is vital because it will prevent you passing it on. If you need support to be able to self-isolate – for example if you need help accessing food, are worried about your finances or need support with your children's homeschooling – Camden Council can help. Call the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE



Wash your hands regularly



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



Wear a face covering in indoor public spaces where you can't socialise safely

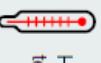


Don't socialise in groups of more than 6

LOOK OUT FOR SYMPTOMS



New, continuous cough



High temperature



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

GOT SYMPTOMS? STAY AT HOME AND GET TESTED.

Request a test online at nhs.uk/coronavirus **OR CALL 119**
IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO ACCESS A TEST, PLEASE KEEP TRYING.
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CAN ACCESS A TEST, YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE.



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Test and Trace

Acorn Class

We have been really busy making friends in Acorn Class and having lots of fun.

We also have been learning all about Autumn and collecting leaves for our Autumn pictures. The children have had a really great start to the term.



Oak Class

The children in Oak Class have settled in so well. We have been learning the routines of the day, getting to know each other and focusing on being kind and gentle. Our current book focus is "I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato". We have been joining in with assemblies over zoom and in the hall during which we are learning lots of fun harvest songs. Also we have been getting involved with lots of fun learning activities, and are enjoying having started our structured phonics learning.



Willow Class

Willow Class are working really hard at the moment and they are really enjoying being back in school.



Ash Class

Ash Class has enjoyed settling back into school. We have been learning about our new book Aaaaaargh spider - Ash are going to be arachnid experts! We have also been exploring weight and measuring using balance scales this week.



Cedar Class

Cedar Class have been working hard reading story books about wolves. They have also written their own non-fiction books about wolves and have learnt to draw and paint these wild animals.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class are really enjoying investigating and learning about life cycles living things - last week, we dissected flowers to find out about how plants are made, and this week we're going to try growing our own (helpful) microorganisms under different conditions!



Sycamore Class

Since the start of this term, Sycamore Class have travelled back in time to the Stone Age. We've built tools, created cave art on the rocks, written guided tours of our own Stone Age village and written all about our favourite moments in the Stone Age.



Beech Class

Year 6 are delighted to be back in school! Since our return, we've been creating and designing our Class Charter, writing about a very strange ship, playing netball, rounding numbers, and singing our Harvest songs. It's fantastic to have everyone back together.

