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Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I very much hope you have managed some relaxation and time with your children and families over the summer period. We are all hoping for a better autumn term this year, so fingers crossed! School will be open as normal on Monday 6th September, including Breakfast Club. We welcome Chloe Price as Cedar class teacher and Computing Lead. Please do give Chloe a warm Kentish Town C of E welcome.

Welcome

I would like to wish all families who are joining us this term a very warm welcome. The new Oak and Acorn class families are very welcome here at Kentish Town C of E. I will see lots of you on the school gate and look forward to meeting you at a welcome event later this term.

Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

We are keeping our arrangements for the beginning and the end of the day as they have been for the first few weeks at least and we will review our arrangements in due course. As you will see, there is currently work underway to widen the pavement outside our school. This will make the pavement safer in the long run but there is noise and disruption at present. In order to ease congestion, Sycamore will enter and leave via Frideswide Place.

Year Group	Gate and Start/Finish Time
Nursery (Acorns)	Nursery Gate: 9:10 - 3:10
Reception (Oak)	Nursery Gate: 8:50 - 3:15
1 (Ash)	Frideswide Place Gate: 8:50 - 3:10
2 (Willow)	Frideswide Place Gate: 8:50 - 3:10
3 (Cedar)	Islip St Gate: 8:50 - 3:15
4 (Sycamore)	Frideswide Place Gate: 8:50 - 3:15
5 (Chestnut)	Main Gate: 8:50 - 3:15
6 (Beech)	Main Gate 8:50 - 3:15

Please walk, cycle or scoot to school, using public transport if need be. Please only drive to school if you absolutely must. Islip Street is currently very congested with the pavement widening work underway.

Updated Covid—19 Guidance

The most recent guidance allows for much more relaxed structures in school. This means that class bubbles are no longer needed, we can have assemblies with several classes and children can mix at lunch times. Crucially we also no longer need to isolate a bubble if someone tests positive for Covid. This will be a great relief to everyone concerned!

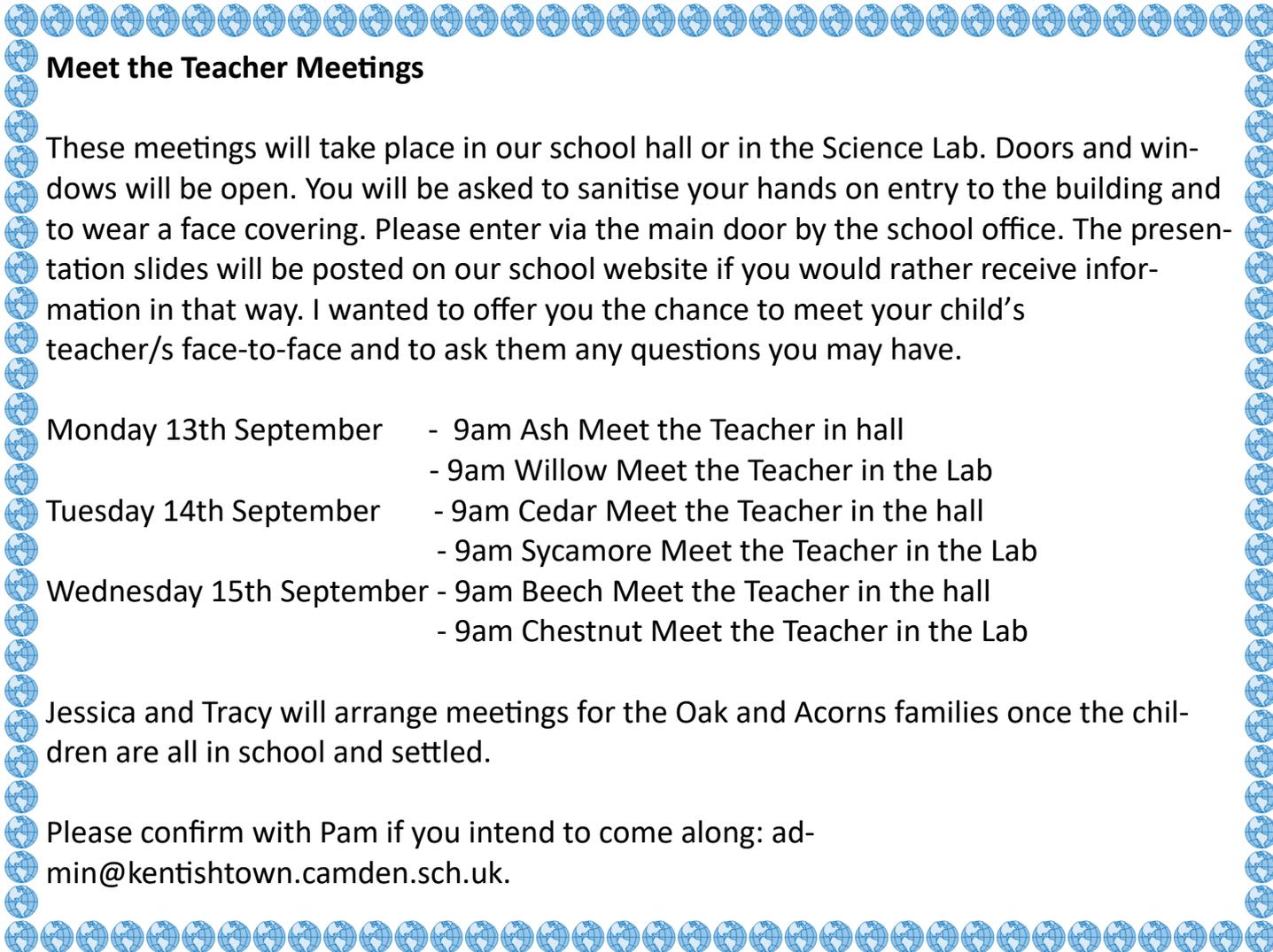
Meet the Parents Event

There is a secondary transition event where parents and pupils in Y5 and Y6 can ask parents and pupils from several local secondary schools about their experiences. The event will be held at St. Patrick's Primary School on Holmes Road from 3.30pm on 21st September. If arrangements change, then I will let you know nearer the time.

Wishing you all a settled and productive autumn term.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher



Meet the Teacher Meetings

These meetings will take place in our school hall or in the Science Lab. Doors and windows will be open. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on entry to the building and to wear a face covering. Please enter via the main door by the school office. The presentation slides will be posted on our school website if you would rather receive information in that way. I wanted to offer you the chance to meet your child's teacher/s face-to-face and to ask them any questions you may have.

- Monday 13th September
 - 9am Ash Meet the Teacher in hall
 - 9am Willow Meet the Teacher in the Lab
- Tuesday 14th September
 - 9am Cedar Meet the Teacher in the hall
 - 9am Sycamore Meet the Teacher in the Lab
- Wednesday 15th September
 - 9am Beech Meet the Teacher in the hall
 - 9am Chestnut Meet the Teacher in the Lab

Jessica and Tracy will arrange meetings for the Oak and Acorns families once the children are all in school and settled.

Please confirm with Pam if you intend to come along: admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk.

What if someone tests positive or has symptoms? Do they need to isolate?

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test](#) as soon as possible if you or your child have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher)
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 either according to a PCR test or a lateral flow device test – this means you have the virus. If you get a positive LFD test you should book a PCR test. A negative PCR test will override a positive LFD test.
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are NOT required to self-isolate – see below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#).

Children should only self-isolate if they have symptoms or if they get a positive PCR or Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test.

If they develop symptoms or get a positive LFD test they should book a PCR test. A positive PCR test cannot be overridden. If a child is asked to get a PCR test as a result of contact with a positive case they may continue to attend education until they get the result of their PCR back.

And what will happen for people who have been in contact with positive cases?

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while awaiting the PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

COVID-19: 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, Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council on 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

Keep following public health advice to keep Camden safe



Coronavirus cases remain high across Camden and London, so please keep following 'hands, face, space, fresh air and testing' advice.

All 16 and 17 year olds and eligible 12 to 15 year olds can get vaccinated

If you're 16 or 17, please get vaccinated as soon as possible – particularly if you have an underlying health condition that puts you at higher risk:

1. Turn up at a local COVID-19 vaccine walk-in centre (find your nearest at camden.gov.uk/walkin) or Camden's COVID-19 vaccine bus (find out when it's near you at camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine)
2. Wait to hear from your GP
3. If you're going to be 18 in the next 3 months, book an appointment by calling 119 or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine

Children aged 12 to 15 who have, or live with those who have, specific underlying health conditions that puts them at higher risk of getting seriously ill from the virus are now eligible for the vaccine. Find out more at nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine or speak to your GP. To learn more about the vaccine before choosing whether to have it, visit nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine or camden.gov.uk/covid19vaccine

The NHS has double-vaccinated 128,474 adults in Camden

Camden has one of the youngest populations in London – 1 in 3 residents are under 30. Since over 18s became eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in June, there has been a significant increase in vaccination rates. Since 4 July, 46,936 have been given out. The number of residents who've had their first dose has risen by 6% to 62% and the number who are double-vaccinated has risen by 40% to 53%. As of 28 August, Camden's COVID-19 community vaccine bus has visited 23 locations and 2,745 vaccines have been given out. To find out where the bus is this week, visit camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine



The start of a new school year is exciting for everyone, and I want to reassure parents, carers, pupils and students that we are committed to doing all we can to help them stay safe as they learn. Camden schools, nurseries, colleges and universities want to make sure everyone can access education safely over the coming year.

The NHS rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine continues and is now being expanded to all 16 and 17 year olds. 12 to 15 year olds who live with someone at increased risk of COVID-19 or are clinically vulnerable are also recommended to get vaccinated. You can find out more information about where to get vaccinated below.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to our voluntary sector, faith leaders, schools, businesses and healthcare workers who have come together to support the NHS-led vaccine rollout in Camden. As a result, 128,474 (53%) of adults have been double-vaccinated and 38,848 (33%) of under 30s have had their first dose. It's been a massive community effort – let's keep it up in Camden.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Back to schools and colleges safely



To keep staff and pupils safe and minimise the risk of further disruption to children's education, there will still be protective measures in place in Camden's schools, colleges and nurseries, including practising good

hygiene, ventilation and regular COVID-19 testing.

There will be regular rapid lateral flow testing for secondary-aged students until the end of September to pick up cases with no symptoms. After two on-site tests, these will be done twice-weekly at home.

Staff, parents and other household members aged over 11 are also advised to do home rapid tests twice-weekly. Find out about COVID-19 rapid test pick-up, delivery and in-person options at camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

Pupils, staff and visitors are still recommended to wear face coverings, unless exempt, in crowded indoor places, such as school buses or when mixing with people they don't normally meet. Face coverings must be worn on Transport for London services, unless exempt. Parents should also consider wearing face coverings where it is crowded, such as drop-offs and pick-ups outside schools and nurseries.

Self-isolation update

Under 18s and fully vaccinated adults no longer need to self-isolate if they are identified as close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case by NHS Test and Trace. Instead, you are advised to take a PCR test – book at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119. If you or your child tests positive for COVID-19, you must still self-isolate for 10 days, regardless of age or vaccination status. You also must self-isolate and take a PCR test if you develop COVID-19 symptoms.