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Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Meet the Parents

This annual event is being held at Torriano Primary this coming Thursday from 6:30pm—7:30pm. The meeting offers parents and carers the chance to hear about local secondary school options. The meetings are informal and really helpful, especially for the parents or carers of children in Y5 or Y6. Tickets are free and can be booked here:

<https://TorrianoMTP19Sept2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

Celebration Tea

We will be celebrating our very successful National Autistic Society accreditation and Ofsted outcome on Wednesday 18th September in our school hall with a free tea for everyone. Please donate some food to share and come along to celebrate. We would love some help setting up on Wednesday afternoon!



School Uniform

Please support us by making sure your child/ren are in appropriate uniform for school. Our uniform does not include:

- Hooded tops
- Trainers that light up
- Branded items of sports clothing.

We have lots of used uniform in excellent condition that will be given out free of charge. This uniform is sustainable, free and in great condition. Any parent who is struggling with the cost of uniform should speak to Pam in the office and we will be able to help.

Secondary Transfer — Beech Class

Most of the local secondary schools are offering open mornings and evenings in September and October. I would encourage any parents or carers of children in Y6 to attend these events. I will be offering each family a 1:1 meeting about secondary transfer and booklets with information about Camden schools can be obtained from our school office or electronic copies are available here: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/admissions>. **The closing date for applications is 31st October 2024.**

Parent/Teacher Association — The Friends of Kentish Town

Our PTA is very active and all parents, carers and staff are automatically members. If you would like to volunteer or know more, please email: friendsofks@gmail.com.

Nut Free School

We have a number of children in our school community who have severe allergies to tree nuts. Please don't include nut products (including Nutella) in packed lunches or in cakes or biscuits. Many thanks for your help.

Parent Governor Election

We have a vacancy for a parent elected governor on our board. If you are interested or would like to know more then call in for a chat with James or contact the Chair, Colin Reader via the school office.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher



Snacks for Morning Play

As you may be aware, children in Acorns, Oak, Ash and Willow classes receive a piece of fresh fruit (and sometimes vegetables) as part of the National Fruit Scheme. This is their mid morning snack.

Children in Key Stage 2—Cedar, Sycamore, Chestnut and Beech classes can bring in a healthy snack each day. Fresh fruit is a great choice, as is something like a bagel or some crackers. Please don't send in sweets, chocolate, crisps etc. as these are not healthy choices for our children. In addition, the playground is regularly littered with packets and wrappers!

Can I also reiterate that we are a water only school, so please do send in water but not sugary drinks such as Capri Sun.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Best wishes,

James Humphries
Headteacher



NEW STAFF

Please join us in welcoming Isabella Cattini in Chestnut Class and Amira Abdullahi in Ash Class.



PAM'S BREAST CANCER NOW FUNDRAISER

I just wanted to thank everyone for their donations to my fundraiser for Breast Cancer Now. The final total raised was £3,700 and I cannot express how thankful I am for all your kind words and donations.

Pam.

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/camden>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions)
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective
- ✓ Is free
- ✓ The nasal flu vaccine is very effective at reducing the spread of flu



THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. Please see our Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,
Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK



Camden

Immunisation Team
Contact Details



camden@v-uk.co.uk



0204 603 3495

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USEFUL INFO



We try to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.



PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will **NOT** be available to otherwise healthy children after December 13th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.



Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

USEFUL LINKS



www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu

www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk



PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here:

www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy

For data protection queries, please contact:

dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with *very severely* weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

We do not eat pork products.

Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

Open events 2024

All Camden secondary schools plan to have open events for parents and the details below were correct at the time of going to print – please check the schools' and Camden Council's website for the most up to date information.

Acland Burghley School

Burghley Road, London NW5 1UJ 020 7485 8515
www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Wednesday 25 September, 5pm
Open mornings: 24, 25 and 26 September, 9am
Sixth Form: Thursday 28 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Hampstead School

Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT
020 7794 8133
www.hampsteadschool.org.uk



Open evening: Tuesday 8 October, 4.30pm
Open mornings: 17, 24 September, 1, 15, 22, 23 October. Please arrive for 9.15am start
Sixth Form: Tuesday 19 November, 6pm

The UCL Academy

Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 3080
www.uclacademy.co.uk



Open evening: Thursday 3 October, 4.30 to 6.30pm
Open mornings: 12, 19 and 26 September, 9 to 10.30am. Please register via the Academy website
Sixth Form: Thursday 7 November, 4.30 to 6.30pm. Please register via the school website

Parliament Hill School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RL
020 7485 7077
www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Thursday 26 September, 5 to 7.30pm
Open mornings: 1, 2 and 8 October, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: Thursday 28 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

La Sainte Union

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RP 020 7428 4600
www.lasainteunion.org.uk



Open evening: Tuesday 17 September, 4 to 7pm
Open days: 8 and 17 October, 9 to 11am. Please register your place on the school website.
Sixth Form: Thursday 28 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Camden School for Girls

Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB 020 7485 3414
www.csfg.org.uk



Open evening: Monday 23 September, 5 to 7pm
Open mornings: 18 and 20 September, 9am to 11am
Sixth Form: Tuesday 19 November. Tickets will be available from 1 October. Please check website nearer the time
Banding assessment registration: register online by 24 September, 12 noon

Haverstock School

24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ
020 7267 0975
www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Tuesday 1 October, 5 to 7pm
Please check the school calendar or contact the school for the arrangements of Sixth Form events
Open mornings with tour of classrooms: Drop in any Thursday from 9 to 10am from 27 September to 25 October

Maria Fidelis School FJC

1–39 Drummond Crescent, London NW1 1LY
020 7387 3856
www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Wednesday 25 September, 4 to 6pm
Open mornings: Every Tuesday during term time. Please check our website for more information
Sixth Form: Please check the school website for more information

Regent High School

Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX 020 7387 0126
www.regenthighschool.org.uk



Open mornings: 30 September to 4 October and 7 to 11 October starting at 9am
Sixth Form: Thursday 14 November, 4 to 6pm

William Ellis School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RN 020 7267 9346
www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Thursday 26 September, 6 to 8pm
Open mornings: 30 September, 4 and 7 October, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: Thursday 28 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Local group **Meet the Parents** holds informal forums at local primary schools, where families can 'meet the parents' and students who attend their local secondary schools.

Find out more about these events: meettheparents.info/latest-events