



Message from Ms Iwanicki



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all of our parents who are currently supporting children with their home learning, you are all doing a tremendous job and we are exceptionally pleased with the number of children who are accessing their live sessions every day and uploading their work on to Google Classrooms.

We do understand the difficulties of trying to juggle home learning whilst also working from home. If you are experiencing any problems or would like support please contact homelearning@stlukesschool.org.uk Please also remember to upload your work each day so the teachers can track the children's progress.

Thank you to those parents that have sent in photos of your child enjoying their learning at home. In next week's newsletter I shall once again be posting our 'home learning photos'. If you would like to send in a photo of your child learning at home, please send it to the school's home learning email address.

A huge thank you to our PFA who are still busy fundraising behind the scenes. On 23rd January they have also organised a Virtual Quiz Night. If you would like to take part please contact the PFA at pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk Further information can be found on page 3 of today's newsletter.

I know many parents over the last few years have spoken to me about the increased traffic on Kidderpore Avenue. We have also been concerned with the lack of signage for the school and the lack of safe places for our children to cross the road. Mrs Wickham has been working with Camden over the last two years on this and has an update for you further on in the newsletter.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend,

Jo Iwanicki

Head of School



[Safer School Streets proposal for St Luke's CE School](#)

As many of you will be aware, the parking and traffic situation outside our school building has been a problematic issue for the St Luke's families for a long time. Currently, the lack of school signage and the parked cars which block our main school entrance makes the school 'invisible' to approaching cars, and crossing the road safely presents a challenge for parents and children.

As a result of many months of communications with Camden Council about this matter, we are very happy that the Healthy School Streets initiative has proposed a temporary pavement widening scheme that includes the installation of a school 'warning' sign on the eastern end of Kidderpore Avenue, and suspension of parking bays outside the main entrance. We are hoping that there will be the opportunity to make these improvements permanent at a future date.

Please find details of the scheme below, including an email address which allows you to contact Camden to support the scheme. We have been advised that Camden receiving support for schemes from parents/carers can make the decision to get them signed off considerably smoother.



[How can you give your views?](#)

Please send your comments by email to:

safetravel@camden.gov.uk
by 22nd January 2021.

Happy Birthday!



Harry in Winter Class
Emily in Summer Class



online
Quiz



Night

**Questions to suit
the whole family**

Saturday, 23rd January 2021

6pm

Free entry

E-mail: pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk for tickets

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 and Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



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



Sign up to the Council's coronavirus newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

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

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

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:



2m



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

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 or contact your local library for more information.