



## Message from Ms Iwanicki



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all extremely excited in school to welcome back the children on Monday. The school has been thoroughly deep cleaned and this morning we carried out staff training to ensure all the appropriate protective measures were in place for the safe return of the children.

As I mentioned in my letter on 24<sup>th</sup> February there is a slight change to the staggered start and finish times, this is to ensure the children get as much 'class time' as possible. In order for this to work well, we do need your support to make sure the children are lined up and ready to come into school on time every morning. Only having one main corridor through the school means we have to get our timings right to ensure bubbles do not mix.

Times	Winter Class Main Entrance	Autumn Class Side Gate	Summer Class Side Gate	Spring Class Main Entrance
Start time	8:50	8:55	9:00	9:05
End Time	3:30	3:25	3:20	3:15

I would also like to remind parents that you can also now access regular rapid lateral flow tests to help protect the community. Please visit [www.camden.gov.uk/nhs-test-and-trace#esjh](http://www.camden.gov.uk/nhs-test-and-trace#esjh) for more information.

Thank you to those parents that have emailed in photos of the children with their favourite book as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Fluent reading is such an important life skill as well as giving children access to all other areas of learning. If you would like to find out more about sharing books with your child, go to: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March it will have been 80 days since the vast majority of our children were in school and whilst many of them will be excited to see their teachers and classmates again, it will be a considerable adjustment. In school we will be working with the children to ensure they overcome any anxieties they might have, but it may also be useful for parents to begin preparing their children over the weekend for their return to school to ensure that first day goes smoothly.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents for supporting the children's learning at home during the last two months. You have all done an amazing job in the most difficult of circumstances! I would also like to thank our wonderful staff members who have once again adapted their practice from face to face learning to online learning, whilst also providing childcare for the children of our critical workers.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend,

Jo Iwanicki

Head of School



# Golden Book

## Spring Class

Sophia has been nominated for a Golden Award for making fantastic cakes in celebration of World Book Day.

## Summer Class

Iliana has been nominated for a Golden Award for her effort in English this week when writing sentences with adjectives and verbs.

## Autumn Class

Beck has been nominated for a Golden Award for his fantastic diary about the secret life of pets!

## Winter Class

Grace has been nominated for a Golden Award for writing an imaginative and lively letter about visiting the French Alps.

## Birthdays this week:

Vanesa  
Carlotta

Summer Class  
Winter Class



# World Book Day



# Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

*As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.*

## Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



## Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – “it’s completely fine to feel like that at the moment” or “I can really understand why you would feel like that”



## Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



## Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



## Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



## Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your ‘goodbye’ routine and create a ‘hello’ greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



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

## Schools and further education colleges



From Monday 8 March, all schools and further education colleges will reopen for face-to-face learning. Schools will have updated their risk assessments to ensure the necessary measures are in place to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible. Parents and carers of primary and secondary school or college age children will be encouraged to book regular free rapid lateral flow tests – find out how below. Your child's school will be in contact but you can also find out more at [camden.gov.uk/schools-children-and-families](https://camden.gov.uk/schools-children-and-families)

## Rapid COVID-19 testing

Free, rapid COVID-19 tests with results in 45 minutes are available to these people **without COVID-19 symptoms** in Camden:

- Parents and carers of primary and secondary school or college age children
- Adults living or working in Camden who need to leave home for work
- Adults who are in close contact with others through care or volunteer responsibilities

Book a test appointment at one of seven community test centres at [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

You can also pick up a home test kit from the NHS Kingsgate or Ramsay Hall test centres (open 1.30 to 7.30pm every day), or find your closest COVID-19 test centre at [find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk](https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk)

If you test positive without symptoms using a home rapid test kit, you and your household must self-isolate and book a PCR test, which is sent to a lab – visit [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119.

Most people get their result the next day. **Do not go to a rapid test centre with symptoms.**



I am pleased that so many residents have now received their first COVID-19 vaccination or have appointments coming up. I encourage anyone currently eligible to get your vaccine – it's the best way we can protect ourselves against the virus.

Please remember that even if you have been vaccinated, you still need to follow Government and public health guidance – keeping your distance, wearing a face covering (unless exempt) and washing your hands.

As part of the phased approach to ending lockdown, which includes schools and further education colleges opening from next week, restrictions will only be eased if the data on vaccine uptake and infections are heading in the right direction.

Thanks to the role everyone has played so far, coronavirus cases are falling in Camden and London but the virus has not gone away and we will need to keep taking precautions to make sure we don't go backwards, including regular testing. The Council is committed to doing all we can to help, and Camden are providing free rapid tests for parents and carers of school children, anyone who needs to leave the house for work, and those in close contact with others through care or volunteer responsibilities.

**Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council**

## COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective and gives the best protection against coronavirus.

- If you're 60 or over, clinically extremely vulnerable or are in receipt of Carer's Allowance and haven't had your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, you can now book your vaccination at [nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](https://nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) or call 119 for free. **If you're clinically vulnerable, you can book an appointment once you receive a letter from your GP.**
- Government guidance has changed, and people on the GP learning disability register are now eligible for the vaccine. If you are on the register, your GP will contact you to book an appointment. **Please make sure you are registered with a GP and that they have included you on their learning disability register.**

If you have a learning disability and would like support with the vaccination process, call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

### Why I got the COVID-19 vaccine

Paul Smith is a community nurse who's involved in Camden's vaccine rollout. As a healthcare professional, he's already been vaccinated and explains why he chose to have it:

**"I am very privileged to have had the vaccine so early. As a nurse, I feel very reassured that I am protected."**



## Camden libraries activities

Camden libraries together with Age UK Camden are running online 'Reading Friends' groups to connect people through reading and sharing stories. Activities include a knitting group; a poetry group; reading aloud sessions with older residents; and story time sessions for children and adults. Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/readingfriends](https://camden.gov.uk/readingfriends). To find out more about Camden digital library services and the Request and Read service, visit [camden.gov.uk/libraries](https://camden.gov.uk/libraries).

**Stay at home to save lives**



Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, unless you're exempt



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly



Keep 2 metres apart from people outside your household or bubble

For the latest information on the Government's plans to ease lockdown restrictions, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)