

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Message from the head:

What a year! We have made it to the end. I was so sorry to have to close the Year 2 bubble this week when we were so close to the end of term. I hope you are all still healthy and enjoyed the zoom session to say goodbye to Ms Webb and Raluca today! I'd like to say well done to all our amazing children and staff who've made this difficult year successful. Their hard work and resilience has shone through, none more so than our 'Stars of the Term' on Page 2! As I have been watching the Year 6s this week, we had their leavers assembly and their water fight and today and yesterday they have been wearing and getting signed their leavers' T-shirts, I've been thinking about the incredible journey they and their families have been on. While their final years haven't been what we would have wanted for them, being able to get some kind of familiar ending for them and them being here to the last day does give us comfort. As a group they are fantastic and we know they will take on the next stage of their school life with the same determination and resilience and all round fun they have through primary school. Goodbye and good luck year 6. To the rest of you I wish you all a fantastic summer and hope to welcome you all back in September to a more normal running school all things going well. Wherever you go and whatever you do, stay safe and thank you for your support of my staff and I throughout this year. See you on September 3rd!



POSITIVE TEST IN NEXT FEW DAYS

If your child tests positive for Covid and their symptoms started within 48 hours of being in school please email the school admin account as soon as you can. Mr McGibbon will be monitoring it up until the 28th June so we can inform any staff or children who may be contacts. If your child has not been in school for the 48 hours before symptoms/testing positive you do not need to let us know. Thank you.

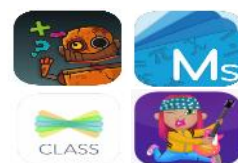
admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk

Online learning resources and homework

- Mathletics: login.mathletics.com or download app for mobile
- Times Table Rockstars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school> or download app for mobile
- Numbots (EYFS/KS1): <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/33442>
- Bug Club Reading Resource: <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

The sign in details for the three resources above are the same (for Bug Club you will also need the school code which is **tpgk**)

- Seesaw: <https://app.seesaw.me/#/login> or download app
- Busy things: <https://www.busythings.co.uk/lglf-login/>



Holiday Activities & Food programme

After so long out of school and away from friends over the last two academic years, we believe the children will benefit from some structure to the long summer break and an opportunity to play and interact with peers. Thanks to funding made available from the government and the local authority a number of summer programmes are being run. Visit this website for the full programme:

<https://haf.youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk/>

Here at Fleet we have a programme being delivered by 'Fuzion Academy' who are experienced play scheme providers. The Fleet offering will provide a wide range of fun filled activities for young people including indoor/outdoor sports, cooking workshops, music workshops, arts and crafts, numeracy and literacy support, and design and technology. A nutritious and healthy meal which meets the national school food standard is provided, and all dietary requirements are met.

Fuzion Academy alongside their delivery partner Sports City London, work with young people, parents and carers, to unlock young people's potential. They have been supporting families through the delivery of their programmes inside and outside of schools. They currently deliver an excellent, fun, and engaging array of after school activities, holiday programmes, and development programmes to primary and secondary school pupils and to youth clubs across London. Their aim is to break down social and economic barriers in communities through positive engagement with young kids of all ages, improving academic levels, physical ability, health and wellbeing, communication and social skills, and mental awareness, thus creating a positive environment for young people to engage with each other and increase their chances of positive outcomes in life.

The scheme at Fleet will run for 4 weeks, Monday to Thursday, and you can sign up for any or all of these weeks. The sessions each day will be four hours long – 10am until 2pm and include lunch for the children. It starts on 2nd August and goes on until the 26th August. **There is no charge for this provision** and it is open to children from Year 1 through to Year 6.

To find out more information and to book for each individual week visit the links below:

Week 1: 2/8/21 – 5/8/21 <https://fuzionacademyandswisscottagelibrary.coordinate.cloud/event/106482>

Week 2: 9/8/21 – 12/8/21 <https://fuzionacademyandswisscottagelibrary.coordinate.cloud/event/106483>

Week 3: 16/8/21 – 19/8/21 <https://fuzionacademyandswisscottagelibrary.coordinate.cloud/event/106484>

Week 4: 23/8/21 – 26/8/21 <https://fuzionacademyandswisscottagelibrary.coordinate.cloud/event/106485>

Stars of the Term!



Well done to these children who have been chosen by their class teachers to be the 'Star of the Term' - Well done to all these children, and to all the rest who might not have been picked this week but could have been.



Reception—Inaaya

Inaaya always has a 'can do' attitude towards her learning, works collaboratively with her peers and always looks after the resources in our class. Thank you for being such a great role model for our class! Well done Inaaya.

Year 1—Ayra

For her enthusiasm, determination and positivity throughout this term. You have taken on challenges in learning in all subjects, Ayra, and always given everything your very best. We also see you being a great friend and supportive classmate, offering help and kindness to other children. Your smile lights up the day, Ayra - keep being wonderful you!



Year 2—Amreen

For being such a superstar! I am always so impressed with the effort you put into each lesson and it is lovely to see the excellent progress you are making! Well done!



Year 3—Sufiyan

For your hard work this term! You have tried so hard with all your learning. Alongside this, you have continued to be a brilliant friend and a supportive classmate! A huge well done!



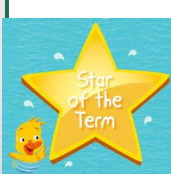
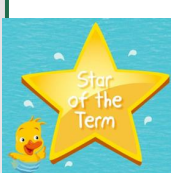
Year 4—Tawfiq

We have loved having you join our class this year. We've been so impressed to watch your amazing progress, with language, friendships and learning. You try hard in everything you do and you're a fantastic member of our class. Well done for a star term!



Year 5—Nida

For your hard work and enthusiastic attitude to learning this term. You have a brilliant work ethic and always put your very best effort in, no matter the subject! You are consistently polite, fair and treat everyone around you with kindness. You have excelled both academically and socially, and you should be very proud of yourself! Well done Nida.



Year 6—Emaline

For your unwavering commitment to your learning and development. You have shown such dedication to all we have done over the past term, including: learning all your lines as a fantastic Glinda in our production, sharing mature and considerate questions and thoughts in PSHE, and showing enthusiasm and team spirit in all our end of year activities. You have worked incredibly hard, not just this term, but all year and should be proud of all you achieved and how you have grown as a person. What a credit to our class you have been!

Summer in Camden

Free and low cost activities
for children, young people and
families (ages 0 to 19)



Have fun,
make friends,
stay safe

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make
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Weekly Wellbeing Update

New Tip...

Relationships with parents are valued hugely at Fleet and we're very much missing seeing everybody as regularly as we usually would. Therefore we'd like to look at alternative ways of communicating and helping each other; at this difficult time we'd like to know how best to support you.

Check out these videos for parents developed to help you support your primary aged children:

1. How to Talk to your Child About Covid-19
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkxwnb>
2. Encouraging Your Child to Take Care at School
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z8g6jsg>
3. How to Deal with Anxieties
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zj4p2v4>
4. Communicating with School
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7ksxbk>



Wellbeing Tip of the Week!

An initiative brought to you by Camden Learning's Health and Wellbeing Team—a new one each week!

Week 32 – Managing anxiety about the summer holidays

Some of us might be a bit anxious about heading into the summer holidays. It might feel a bit like another lockdown; being away from school friends again, not having that same structure and routine, and possibly having summer plans cancelled due to Covid. When we're bored, we can start to overthink things and assume everyone else is having fun when we're not, which can increase our anxiety and cause our thoughts to spiral. Try to take control of these thoughts by questioning how true they are and try to combat your boredom by doing the following:

Make plans with friends so you have something to look forward to

Spend time with family doing family outings, meals together or games nights

Volunteer or start a fundraising project that you're passionate about

Try out a new hobby e.g. martial arts, gardening, baking, arts and crafts

Get outside, go for walks, explore places you haven't been before

If you need more ideas, check out these websites: <https://www.summerincamden.co.uk/> or [100 things to do when you're bored](#)

If you're concerned about your mental health over the summer, speak to someone and try these Apps: [Kooth](#), [Calm](#), [Headspace](#) or [Catch it](#).

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

GET A RAPID, LATERAL FLOW TEST



Amber Zed-Khan- Queens Crescent, NW5

- ✓ All tests are free
- ✓ It's fast – get results in 30 minutes
- ✓ These tests are for people without COVID-19 symptoms

Scan the QR code to find your closest test site, test pickup and delivery options.



☎ 020 7974 4444 (option 9)

🖱 camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms please book a PCR test within 2 days at: gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119





Summer holiday cycle training for children

Free cycle training sessions for children during the Summer Holidays 2021. The course is **free of charge** and is delivered over two days; however booking is **required to secure a place**.

Aimed at children and young people aged 8 or over who can ride unassisted and want to improve their safe cycling skills. We do not currently offer courses for children who are still learning to start, stop and balance.

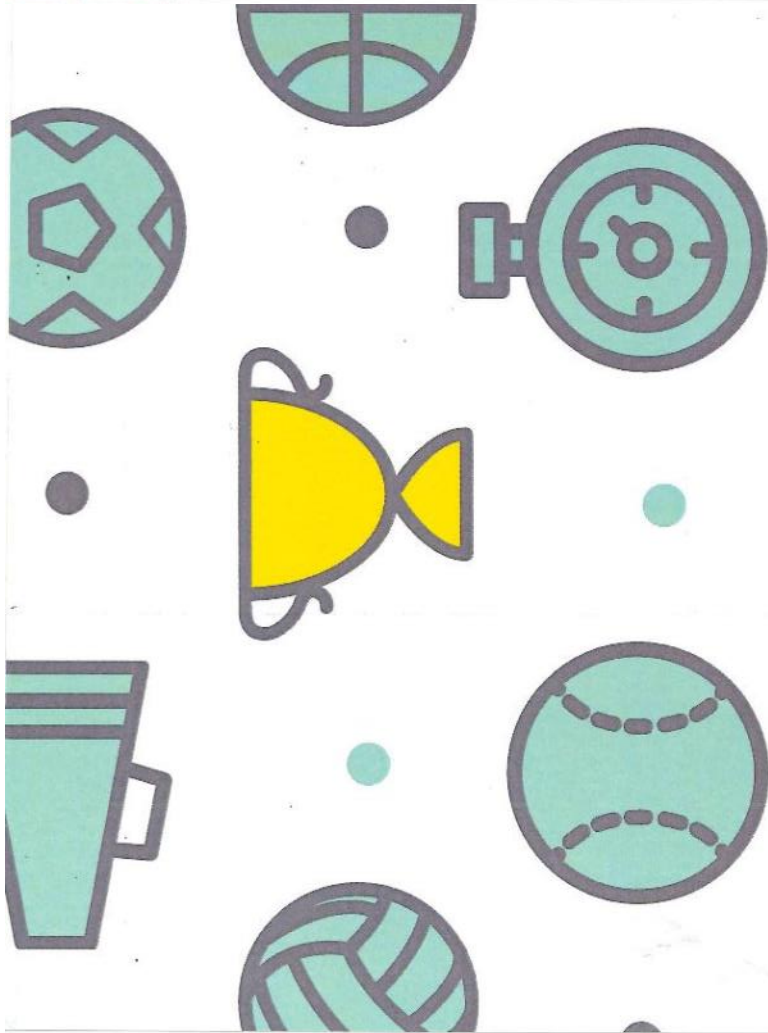
Saturday-Sunday 24-25 July 2021,	10.30am - 12.00noon
Monday-Tuesday 26-27 July 2021,	10.30am - 12.00noon
Wednesday-Thursday 28-29 July 2021,	1.00pm - 2.30pm
Saturday-Sunday 31 July-1 August 2021,	1.00pm - 2.30pm
Monday-Tuesday 2-3 August 2021,	1.00pm - 2.30pm
Wednesday-Thursday 4-5 August 2021,	10.30am - 12.00noon
Saturday-Sunday 7-8 August 2021,	10.30am - 12.00noon



VENUE: Haverstock School, 24 *Haverstock* Hill. Chalk Farm. NW3 2BQ

For more information, or to book a child onto a course,
<https://www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills>

**Please ensure you bring your own roadworthy bike.
There are some bikes available to borrow.**



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<https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/about-us/dates>

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/2022

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Friday 3 rd September 2021
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 25 th Oct – Friday 29 th Oct 2021
Last day of term	Friday 17 th December 2021

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 14 th Feb – Friday 18 th Feb 2022
Last day of term	Friday 1 st April 2022

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 20 th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022
Last day of term	Friday 22 nd July 2022

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Wednesday 1 st & Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
2 nd half term			Monday 6 th June 2022

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start.

HVH Art - Summer Courses

HVH Arts, located less than 5 minute walk from Fleet have some amazing FREE opportunities for your children to be involved in art based classes. See below for details of the courses they are running through May/June. They are also taking bookings for their popular summer courses. Get in quick by visiting their website: www/hvharts.org/courses/



Patrons:
Helen McCrory OBE
Damian Lewis

HVH ARTS SUMMER OF HOPE SUMMER SCHEDULES 2021

OLYMPUS

We are pleased to be offering free summer workshops in art and media to keep our young people inspired throughout summer (ensuring young people are safe as we will be delivering our workshops adhering to Covid-19 guidelines).

ILLUSTRATION 'MAPPING KENTISH TOWN' WORKSHOP WITH TRISHA KRAUSS

Together, we will create a mural sized map of Kentish Town. Students will select 5 points of interest that they would like to depict. They can choose from blue plaque homes, well known people, interesting buildings, historical sites, cultural sites, their favourite shops, their homes, their schools, and of course the site of the gallery in Queen's crescent. Each illustration will be collaged onto the main map. Our young scholars will learn various illustrative techniques, how to design and how to work as a creative team.

DATES: 24TH, 25TH, 26TH and 27th July 11am-3pm Ages: 5 to 16 (split into age-appropriate cohorts)

'LOVE MY AREA' PHOTOGRAPHY WITH DEBBI CLARK and LEAH BAND

CEO and professional photographer Debbi Clark with Professional photographer Leah Band will take young people on a unique tour around their local area with a new perspective; through a lens. Exploring portrait and landscape photography, young people will learn lasting skills in how to stamp their own creativity on a project all about local pride. Young people will learn lighting, how to tell a story with a camera and technical skills that will help them develop their craft. Final prints will be displayed in an exhibition at the end of the summer.

DATES: WEEK 1: 28th, 29th August and 30th July 11am - 3pm Ages: 10 to 18
WEEK 2: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, AUGUST 11am - 3pm Ages: 10 to 18
WEEK 3: 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th AUGUST 11am - 3pm Ages 10 to 18
WEEK 4: 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th AUGUST 11am - 3pm Ages 10 to 18

MUSIC PRODUCTION AND MUSIC VIDEO WITH DEBBI CLARK AND JACOB LANDAU

A masterclass project with studio industry professionals creating a track and filming a music video with Kubic Music and professional artists from Sony Music. They will learn the art of making music and a music video, they will be able to be involved in all areas, seeking out one area that will inspire them from writing, producing, performing, choreography, mixing, filming, directing and editing. A unique opportunity to get involved in a local community project with and create their own track and music video.

DATES: Week 1 - 31ST July 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH August 12pm-4pm Ages: 10 to 18 (split into age-appropriate cohorts)
Week 2 - 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th AUGUST : Ages: 10 to 18 (split into age-appropriate cohorts)

I'M IN THE BAND - MUSIC REHEARSALS AND RECORDING WITH Musicians PIERS and SPIDER

A fantastic opportunity to learn and play instruments and perform as a band, and recording the final song at the end of the week at PIRATE STUDIOS in Camden with a performance to be held at our end of Summer Exhibition at HVH ARTS GALLERY in Queens Crescent

DATES: 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th AUGUST Ages 11 yrs to 16yrs 11am to 4pm

TESS TOMASSINI DANTE ART PROJECT WITH EXHIBITION AT MAJOR EUSTON GALLERY

A workshop that looks at translating poetry into image. The young artists will have the opportunity to learn about Dante Alighieri and make their own responses. Some of pieces that are made in this workshop will be selected to be in an exhibition with well-established and working artists as well as being published in a catalogue!

DATES: 5TH, 6TH, 7TH August 11am - 3pm Ages: 5 to 18

QUEENS CRESCENT STREET ART PROJECT WITH SAM SURET

We continue with our street art murals along the Queens Crescent shutters that have been a local success story in the neighbourhood! We are so excited by this project as it has been hugely popular. Young people learn the skills of spray painting, seeing the whole process through from beginning to end; they begin with mocking up designs and then transfer these on to the shutters, inspired by the shop owners and creating beautiful artwork.

DATES: 8TH August 12pm-4pm Ages: 8 upwards 12pm to 4pm

STOP MOTION ANIMATION WITH EMILY HOLLINGSBEE

Artist Jamie Smith will teach the children and young people how to make their very own stop animation. Using collage, overhead projector and a camera the group will set their imaginations free by creating their own story and record it for them to keep and show!

DATES: 9TH August Timing 11 to 3pm C Ages: 8 to 16

FASHION DESIGN AND PRINTING 'DECONSTRUCTION' WITH LOLA TURNER AND IYLA SHAH

We invite the kids to an exciting 5-day workshop with Fashion/Print Designer Graduate Lola Turner and Fine Art Painter Iyla Shah. The kids will be collaborating to make a banner from repurposed fabrics- from old bed sheets to odd football socks you can bring in whatever materials you want to re-imagine! Each day the kids will be learning and playing with a new form of printing to overlay onto their material. This will be sure to be a fun, hands on collaborative summer project and we will have a wacky banner to show for at the end of it.

DATES: 10TH, 11TH, 12TH, 13th, August 1pm-4.30pm Ages: 8-13 11am to 3pm

HVH Art - Summer Courses

SAM & SARAH PORTRAIT PAINTING CLASS WITH ACRYLICS and OILS

Join Sam and Sarah (art therapist) for a two-day painting course on 15th August and 24th. Young artists will learn portraiture with a variety of paints, including oils and acrylics. Young people can choose to paint each other or they can bring in a photo to use for inspiration.

DATES: 15TH, 24th August 11am - 3pm Ages: 5 and up (split into age-appropriate cohorts)

AMAZING DRONES & ROBOTICS CLASS WITH URBAN FLYERS

High Flyers join us again for the most unique summer workshop in programming and flying drones. Simon teaches young people how to code and coordinate drones so that they can fly in synchronicity. Enrol if you have a fascination with how things work, wanting to gain skills in robotics and technology and would love to see drones a collection of drones flying in the air!

DATES: 16TH, 17TH, 18TH, and 19th August 12pm-2pm Ages: 10 upwards

GRAFFITI AND STENCILLING TRIPTYCH WITH LOUISE ADJEI

Our amazing tutor Louise is back! She will be teaching the art of Graffiti, the tricks of shadows, the concept of this art is more than just a spray can. Artists will create their own triptych to reflect the amazing skills learnt at the course!

DATES: 20TH, 21ST August 11am - 3pm Ages: 8-16 (split into age-appropriate cohorts)

SCULPTURE CLASS - SUSTAINABILITY

This amazing two-day workshop will be a study in recycling and upcycling- showing young people how they can create something beautiful out of domestic plastic waste. This is a unique art class exploring the concept of sustainability and how we can reduce waste to help the environment by making something inspiring!

DATES: 22ND, 23rd AUGUST 12pm-4pm Ages: 5 and up

HOW TO STYLE YOUR CLOTHES - UPCYCLING /SUSTAINABLE FASHION WITH STYLIST PATRICIA JONES

An amazing workshop in fashion/design and styling! We are thrilled to put on this project, exploring upcycling with young people - showing them you don't have to throw out all your old clothes and buy new ones- you can repurpose those items you're sick of, to create something new and fresh!

DATES: 25TH August 12pm-4pm Ages 11-18

MAKE-UP AND HAIR TUTORIAL WITH PROFESSIONAL MAKEUP ARTIST

One of London's top MUA's comes to us at HVH ARTS to teach our young people a fantastic workshop in the art of make-up! We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity in teaching our young people skills in this fantastic one-day workshop. We will use this opportunity to shoot portraits being taught by DEBBI CLARK with our young people to show their creativity in this make-up workshop.

DATES: 26TH August 11am - 3pm Ages 11-18

PORTRAITURE SHOOT + EDIT SESSION WITH DEBBI CLARK

A chance to see how the professionals work in the eclectic fashion/editorial world of Fashion. Giving our young people the insight of how they can style and create a look for their own fashion shoot. Create your mood board and ideas with this brilliant workshop, we will create a fashion set and shoot your own ideas and vision with photographer DEBBI CLARK giving support to our young people using the OLYMPUS EPL-8 cameras giving our young people the opportunity to create their very own fashion cover!

DATES: 27TH August 11am - 3pm Ages 11-18

BRAVE NEW WORLD - AN EXPLORATION OF VISUAL ARTS DANCE THEATRE with SELINA GIL & PETER YOUNGBLOOD-HILLS

Joined by actors Selina Gil and Peter Youngblood Hills for an abstract composition piece in performance theatre. Exploring the themes of nature, friendship and what it means to be kind, young people will be able to express themselves through movement and performance. This will be a collaborative project, taking inspiration from all contributors. We will have a chance to perform the final piece in front of family and friends at the end of the project. This will be a really exciting project and a wonderful chance to work with inspiring professionals in their industry.

DATES: MONDAYS 11am-3pm/WEDNESDAYS 2pm-6pm/FRIDAYS 2.30pm-6.30pm - JULY 26/28/30 AUGUST 2/4/6, 9/11/13, 16/18/20

2 DAY CURATION WORKSHOP

Working with students who have been creating their fantastic works. This course will be a weekend working together and curating the young people's exhibition. PRE- Production is a skill that will help young people focus, learn the art of curating a show, preparing their work, framing and presenting their final piece which will be a valuable skill for their future. It is all about how we present our work and show it with pride. We will be working this weekend with students who have already been part of our ART Foundation courses in choosing and preparing their work for HVH ARTS 'LOCKDOWN EXODUS' Exhibition!

DATES: 28TH, 29TH 11am - 4pm August Ages 5-18 (split into age-appropriate cohorts)

LOCKDOWN EXODUS EXHIBITION

We complete our summer project with an extraordinary LOCKDOWN EXODUS exhibition at our HVH ARTS GALLERY. This will include artworks produced over the 6 weeks of summer and young artists have the chance to showcase their work and view other's amazing work. Everyone is invited to join and we will be celebrating the end of lockdown by enjoying each other's artwork and projects.

DATES: 30TH, 31ST August. Everyone welcome! Open 11am to 4pm

To enrol for our FREE courses go to www.hvharts.org/courses/



Camden Early Help



Everyone needs a little help sometimes. If you're feeling worried about your child, or you want to make a change in your life, Camden Early Help is here for you, your children and your whole family.

- ▶ Free support service for families with children aged 0 to 19 in Camden
- ▶ Practical and emotional support with a range of life issues if they are starting to feel overwhelming
- ▶ Working with you and your family to help make whatever changes you want to make
- ▶ Helping you and your family develop friendships and feel connected with your community.

Early Help



As well as family workers, there's lots of other options:

- ▶ Early Help Family Group Conference – bring together a circle of family members, friends, neighbours or community members to help solve problems
- ▶ Parenting programmes – a range of programmes for parents to be, and parents with children from 0-19 to help you feel confident and positive about your parenting role
- ▶ Activities – to enjoy time together as a family
- ▶ Early Help Play – support to access holiday play schemes, breakfast clubs, after-school clubs, and free early education and childcare places*
- ▶ Employment advice and welfare rights – access to our advisors to help with benefits and all things work-related
- ▶ Connections to housing support and homelessness services
- ▶ Connections to community organisations in your area.



How do I get Early Help?

You can contact us today, or you can talk to someone in your life that you trust. This might be your child's teacher or nursery worker, your GP or health visitor, your housing or tenancy support worker or youth worker.

They can contact us on your behalf, and then you can work with us if you would like to.

If it feels like it's time to make a change, Camden Early Help would love to be by your side so the little things don't become big things.

Other formats

If you require this leaflet in large print, Braille or in another language please contact us.

Find out more

T: 020 7974 3317 (9am to 5pm, ask for Early Help)

E: LBCMASHadmin@camden.gov.uk

For more information about Early Help visit:

camden.gov.uk/earlyhelp

Sure Start 020 7974 8961

camden.gov.uk/surestart

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* free childcare places for eligible 2 year olds



What's Early Help?

Early Help is about family and being here for when families are experiencing things that are starting to feel overwhelming. Early Help is about whatever is important to you, whatever is causing you to feel distress or worry. Early Help is for families with children of any age, from 0 to 19. It's voluntary and your choice whether to have it or not.

What can you help with?

Every family we work with is unique. We work with families experiencing relationship breakdown or conflict, violence in the home, children showing distressed behaviour, support for first time parents, housing, rent or money worries, difficulties at school, worries about a child's health or development, managing changes in circumstances, grief and bereavement, and mental health problems. Often it's a combination of many things. But whatever it is that you and your family want to change, we are here to work with you - to help you and your family get to where you want to be.

What does Early Help do?

There are lots of Early Help services in Camden, so we'll work with you to figure out the one you think will be most helpful to you and your family. You can watch a video about Early Help made by a Camden young person here: [youtube.com/user/CamdenCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/user/CamdenCouncil)

Early Help services include:

Sure Start

A full range of help and support in your local children's centre if you are pregnant or have a child under 5.

Early Help Co-ordinators

Someone to have a chat with to see how we can help and what Early Help service might be most useful.

First Step Early Help

A team of family workers who will work alongside you for up to 12 weeks, and help you and the network of people around you to feel on the right track.

Families in Focus

A team of family workers who will work alongside you for 6 to 12 months.

Transformation Team

A team of family workers who will work alongside you for 12 months plus.

Youth Early Help

A full range of help and support for families with children aged 11 plus and young people.



Every Early Help team will:

- ▶ Be with you through the tough stuff
- ▶ Listen to you and your family – we'll be led by you
- ▶ Focus on what's important to you and your family, and what a good life might look like for you
- ▶ Work with you to find out what's going well and what feels strong
- ▶ Work with you to explore and make sense of the things you want to change
- ▶ Make a plan with you, your children and your family so the changes can start to happen
- ▶ Make sure everyone involved works together to help you and your family best.



From National Online Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ONLYFANS

18+

OnlyFans is an online platform, created in the UK. It is free to join either as a user or creator, but creators monetise their content by charging subscription fees for users to view it. This content can take the form of photos, videos, live streams and one-to-one chats. In many cases, users are also required to pay for any additional content they would like to access. The site has around 50 million users worldwide and is aimed squarely at an adult audience.

Falsified Profiles

OnlyFans asks users to provide personal information, a 'selfie' and a copy of their ID to verify their age. However, in 2020, a BBC documentary found evidence of under-18s building profiles on the platform by using forged documents or other people's ID. Payment information is also required to activate an account – but an under-age user could simply input someone else's bank details.

Explicit Content

Although it hosts various types of content creators (chefs, fitness trainers, artists and so on), OnlyFans has developed a particular reputation for showcasing adult material. Even if a young person on the platform is not selling explicit content of themselves, it's likely they will be exposed to profiles that are – and they may even come under pressure to do so from older users of the app.

Potential Financial Costs

OnlyFans is subscription based, raising the risk of racking up sizeable costs very quickly. When a user clicks 'follow' on an account they want to subscribe to, their debit or credit card is charged. Subscriptions are non-refundable and set to auto-renew as default. Many accounts labelled as 'free' still encourage users to donate tips for content they've liked.

Online Grooming

Due to the platform's commercial nature, there is the potential that young people may be offered money by other users to create specific content. This represents an increased possibility of young content creators being put at risk. If the requests are for explicit photos or videos, a content maker who is under 18 would therefore be producing their own child abuse material.

Risk Taking

In trying to produce the 'right' content or fit in with other OnlyFans users, young people may be more susceptible to taking chances with the material that they upload. Adolescents are more inclined to take risks as they develop their identities and seek approval in their peer groups. Online, this tendency may lead them into producing content that they would not normally consider making.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Maintain a Dialogue

It can help to talk honestly with your child about the dangers of using adult platforms such as OnlyFans. Discuss the types of content that they feel is appropriate (or not) to post online and the potential consequences of sharing too many images, too much information and – especially – explicit photos or videos.

Monitor Their Finances

This is particularly relevant for teens with their own bank account. If you notice a drastic change in spending habits or your child suddenly has more disposable income or high-value items (like designer clothes or new gadgets) that you did not think they could afford, then you may need to initiate a discussion about how they obtained this money.

Parental Controls

Ensure that you implement adequate safety measures on your child's phone and other devices – especially parental control settings. Depending on the device, age-inappropriate websites, content and downloads can be filtered by age rating and blocked.

Discuss Strangers on the Internet

Highlight to your child the dangers of meeting people they might have engaged with through a platform like OnlyFans. Make sure they know to inform a trusted adult straight away if someone they have only spoken to online attempts to persuade them to meet up in real life.

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