This week...

Welcome to the first community notices newsletter of the Summer term. The year is certainly flying by!

This weeks new notices are on page 5—Kentish Town Farm celebrations this Monday; the latest programme of events from Camden Health Kick @ QCCA on page 7; some sports opportunities for children and adults on page 9; wellbeing tip of the week on page 12.

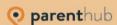
The list of events for the Summer term has also been updated (on Page 2) and now includes the Class Tea and Class Assembly dates for each class—please make a note of these in your diaries. Remember Class Assemblies usually start at 10am on Friday's. There are a couple of exceptions this coming term—please check the list on page two. Don't forget to come along to the hall after school today for a chance to try out samples of the food from the menu the children are served by Caterlink. Enjoy the rest of your week.

Free oral Hygiene Products

A major pharmacy-led health and beauty retailer are handing out free oral hygiene products to those in need. 'Ask for Jesse' is a new campaign fronted by Boots, aimed at helping to close the poverty gap by assisting vulnerable families. Working in collaboration with The Hygiene Bank, customers can simply 'ask for Jesse' when in store. A member of the Boots team will discreetly provide oral hygiene products to customers with children aged three to five years old.

School Clubs

A big thankyou to all of you who managed to get your club requests in last week for Lisa to organise spaces for this week. If you didn't manage to make a request yet, or did but would like some to request more there are some clubs with spaces left. Call the office to enquire.



Fleet Primary School

would like you to join their channel on Parent Hub.

Just tap "Add a School" in the app and enter the handle below...

@FleetPrimary

The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.

What is Parent Hub?



Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletter

Instructions for Parents



- Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
- 2. Create yourself an account.
- 3. Choose "Add a School" and enter the school handle (above).

Visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more

School Closed Days This Term...

Monday 2nd May—May Day Bank Holiday Friday 27th May—INSET Day Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June: Half Term Monday 13th June—School's additional Bank holiday for Jubilee





Raise FREE donations for

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every time you shop online

Find us on easyfundraising.org.uk

http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/

4,300 online sites will give us a free donation when you shop with them - at no extra cost to you!















Download the easyfundraising App











Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via parent hub closer to the date of a trip for requests for help and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

- 29th April: KS2 Camden School's Swimming 7th June: Year 5 to the Zoo
- 2nd May: Bank holiday—School Closed
- 3rd May: Morris Dancing workshops in school for all classes
- the Heath after school competition
- 4th May: Year 2 to the Zoo
- 4th May: Year 5 Pedestrian Training
- 5th May: Year 3 to Kew Gardens
- 5th May: Nursery-Y2 Fluoride Varnish treat- 17th June: Year 4 Class Assembly ment (please return forms before 5th)
- 9th-12th May: Year 6 SATS
- 12th May: International Food Evening
- 13th May: Fun Run on the Heath—to be confirmed
- 16th May: Year 3 to the Zoo
- 16th-27th May: Year 6 Swimming
- 17th May: Year 4 to the Zoo
- 17th May: Lifting Limits Parent Workshop
- 19th May: Y3 and Y4 to ICCUK Mosque
- 19th May: Year 6 Class Tea
- 23rd May: Y5 and Y2 to ICCUK Mosque
- 24th May: Year 3 Character Illustration Workshop @ the Wallace Collection
- 25th May: Year 3 to Chelsea Physic Garden
- 25th May: Nursery to National Gallery
- 26th May: Year 5 Class Assembly & Year 5 Class Tea
- 27th May: School Closed—INSET
- 30th May-3rd June: Half Term holiday
- 6th June: Second Half of Summer Term
- 6th-10th: Year 6 to Gower for Residential

- 9th June: Year 3 Class Tea
- 10th June: Year 3 Class Assembly
- 13th June: School closed—additional bank holiday
- 3rd May: Year 3/4 football team playing on 14th June: Crick Science sessions in school with Y1-6 (not Y5)
 - 16th June: Year 6 to the Zoo
 - 16th June: Year 5 to the Crick
 - 16th June: Year 4 Class Tea

 - 20th June: Year 4 taking part in Camden Choir festival
 - 24th June: Year 5 to UCS for Climate Sum-
 - 23rd June: Year 2 Class Tea
 - 24th June: Year 2 Class Assembly
 - 27th June: Year 3 to Burgh House
 - 28th June: Year 6 to October Gallery
 - 28th June: Year 4 to Kew Gardens
 - 29th June: Year 3 & 4 to the Heath with St Christopher's School
 - 29th June: Nursery to London Zoo
 - 30th June: Year 1 Class Tea
 - 1st July: Year 1 Class Assembly
 - 7th July: Reception Class Tea
 - 8th July: Reception Class Assembly
 - 14th July: Nursery Class Assembly
 - 19th July: Year 3 & 4 to Go Ape
 - 21st July: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly @2pm
 - 21st July: Year 6 BBQ @ 6pm
 - 22nd July: Last day of school year—finish @ 2pm
 - 5th Sept: start of Academic Year 2022-23

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	
Additional Days Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Monday 13 th June 2022 – school closed	
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			Friday 27 th May 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.



Bring a national dish to share, and try some delicious food from around the world!



International

Food with

Evening

This event is for Fleet families Only

Thursday 12th May 5-7pm in the hall

Free entry

and free food!

Drinks available

to buy, raising funds

for the school.

Kentish Town City Farm Fun Day!



The Calendar Art Competition for creating a school calendar at the end of the year is still on. Due to lockdowns over the last 2 years this popular annual event has not been possible so it's great to bring it back.

Children can use any art medium in their entries as long as it is A4 in size and they can enter as many times in a term as they want.

Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of winning entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2023 at the end of this year.

Entries should be handed in to the school office and should have the child's name and class on the back (in pencil) along with an indication of the person or event that inspired it.



theme links in with the 'Lifting Limits' gender equality work This year the we are doing in all classes and also with the racial equality work that runs throughout our curriculum. We are asking that the subject of the art be inspired by a historical figure—contemporary or older.

Think about GENDER EQUALITY - a man or woman who did something amazing and at the time, unusual or not the norm, for someone of their sex.

Think about RACIAL EQUALITY - someone again who was a trailblazer and didn't let their race, colour of their skin or religion stop them from doing something.

It could be someone we have talked about in assembly, or someone you have learnt about in class or even someone you have learnt about from your own reading or investigations.



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Amanda Gorman Colin Kaepernick





Amy Johnson



Marcus Rashford



Frida Khalo



Beryl Burton



Jean-Michel



CAMDEN HEALTH KICK



MONDAY

Female Only Nordic Walking

10:30am - 11:30am @ HamPstead Heath



TUESDAY

Rest Day



WEDNESDAY

Mixed Family Radminton

> 7pm - 8pm @ The Dome



THURSDAY

female Only Yoga

11:30am - 12:30am @ The Dome



FRIDAY

female Coffee Morning

11am - 12Pm @QCCA

Every other week

Female & Child MultisPort Zumba 430Pm - GPm @ The Dome

If you are interested in any of the classes

<u>Please contact to register:</u>

Call - 020 7267 6635 OR Email - Sarah@qcca.org.uk or Frances@qcca.org.uk



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HOW TO FIND US

THE DOME: 170 Weedington Rd London NW5 4NU



QCCA:

45 Ashdown Crescent <u>London NW</u>5 4QE



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Email: info@qcca.org.uk Tel: 0207 267 6635 Web: www.qcca.org.uk





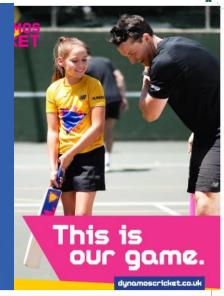
All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development!

The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching the new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies!

Sign up to your nearest All Stars Cricket Centre today.

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre





We are Canons CC, a parent-run Junior Girls Community Cricket Club based at NW2 2BH and affiliated to Middlesex Cricket for ages 5-11 year olds.

During summer half-term holidays and on Sundays during the summer holidays, we are the only club in NW London who are running *Girls* All Stars Cricket and Dynamos Cricket programmes at suitable open space park venues in NW6 and NW11.

Cricket for Girls aged 5-8 years.

27 May - 3 June during Summer Half Term Holidays Cricket for Girls aged 5-8 years All Stars *Girls* 5-8yrs, 2pm-3pm Sign up at https://bit.ly/3JMZsaY £40, 8 Days, At the RRP. No markup. 27 May - 3 June Summer half-term,

Cricket for Girls aged 8-11 years.

Dynamos *Girls* 8-11yrs, 2.30pm-4pm Sign up at https://bit.ly/3HfVbuV £40, 8 Days, 90 minutes. At the RRP. No markup.

With kindest regards,
Bharath
for Canons CC
Twitter @CanonsCC
canons.play-cricket.com 07818488159 (WhatsApp)



Due to popular demand we have decided to re-start our mini ballers session!

> Venue: Royal free Recreation club Fleet road, nw3 2qg

> > Day: Tuesdays

Time: 4-5pm

Fee: first session is FREE then £20 monthly fee.

For more information or to book your space please Del - 07932431748

> Sessions have already started!



Venue: Tufnell Park Primary, 31 Carleton Road, London N7 OHJ

EVERY WEDNESDAY (excluding half terms) Ages: School years 5 & 6 Start date: Wednesday 6th October, 5-6.30pm

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

Ages: School years 3 & 4 - 9-10.15am followed by years 5 & 6 - 10.30am-12pm Start date: Saturday 9th October

All sessions are FREE of charge.

Training takes place outside on Astroturf.

All participants must wear shin pads.

Register via www.playthearsenalway.com

For more information please contact jwarnock@arsenal.co.uk







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From Rational 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 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

Facebook Messenger is a communication app through users can exchange messages and send photos, sticke video and audio files. Messenger allows both one-to-or group chats, has a stories feature and – via its latest at Rooms – can host a video call with up to 50 people. As the app had 35 million users in the UK alone (more that the population!) among its 1.3 billion users worldwing Whereas Messenger is integrated into Facebook of desktops and laptops, it has existed as a standaione for mobile devices since 2011.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Messenger's numerous features can encourage children to spend more time on the app – and therefore on their phone, increasing their levels of screen time. It also invokes FOMO (the Fear of Missing out), especially among older children, who will almost certainly have a high proportion of their friends communicating via the app.



The new Rooms feature lets Messenger users hold video calls with up to 50 people. A young person can join any room they see, but the other people in these rooms don't even necessarily need to be Facebook account holders. This live streaming development heightens risk factors around privacy, security and the possibility of exposure to inappropriate content.

REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

If the Facebook profile which accompanies their Messenger app is set to public, there's a possibility that young people will receive message requests from individuals they don't know. There have previously been reports of grooming attempts on Facebook, with predators using fake profiles to engage children in conversation.

OVERSHARING PERSONAL INFO

If the app is given access to their device's photo library or location services, young people can unintentionally share sensitive information (private photos, videos, their number or current whereabouts) with people on Messenger who they don't know. Even among friends, shared photos or videos don't always stay private: the recipient(s) could save and re-share them with others.

CYBERBULLYING

Like many communication apps, Messenger can be an evenue for cyberbuilies or trolls to target children. This might take the form of harassment, abusive messages or being purposely excluded from (or targeted in) group chats. A 2021 Ofcom report revealed that more than half (55%) of 12–15-year-olds had suffered such negative experiences online in the preceding year.

SECRET CONVERSATIONS

The Secret Conversations function lets Messenger users have encrypted exchanges that no-one else can read. Unlike regular chats on the app, these can only be viewed on the device being used at the time. Messages can also be set to delete once read (although screenshots can be taken), so a child could chat privately with sameone without any record of that conversation having taken place.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE ADDITIONAL SECURITY

Messenger's App Lock feature uses your child's fingerprint or face ID to ensure that nobody else can access their messages without permission.

Messenger has also added a variety of optional tools to increase young people's safety on the app, including two-factor authentication, login alerts and filtered message requests.

REVIEW THE CHAT LIST

children's Messenger conversations (to see who they're talking to, rather than what they're talking about). While this is certainly safe, it can seem intrusive. If approached in a sensible, collaborative way, however, it can help parents and carers to keep an eye on exactly who their child is communicating with

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

If your child experiences anything negative on Messenger, you can help them report it. Facebook can then take action such as disabling the offender's account, limiting their ability to send messages or blocking them from contacting your child again. If your child doesn't want to display to others that they're online, they can switch off Active Status in the app's settings.

DISCUSS LIVE STREAMING

Talk with your child about safe and secure video calling. When setting up calls on Messenger Rooms, only invite people who your child knows and trusts. Show them how to lack a room if they don't want other people joining – and how to remove anyone they don't want on the call. Remind them about behaving responsibly during a live stream, even if it's with people they know.

ADJUST PRIVACY SETTINGS

to their friends. Avoid adding your child's phone number (so they can't be found by someone using their number to search for them), and not syncing contacts lets your child choose who to add (or not) individually. Via Settings, you can control who appears in your child's chat list, who goes into the message request folder and who can't contact your child at all.

ENCOURAGE SAFE SHARING A Prience

videos only to family and trusted friends, and not to publicly share images which compromise their location (showing a landmark near home or clothing with identifiable logos, like a school or local club crest). Encourage them to pause before sharing anything – if there's a chance it could harm their reputation (or someone else's), don't send it.

Meet Our Expert

Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.









www.nationalonlinesafety.com







Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 13.04.2022

Free 24/7 urgent mental health support for young people

The last 18 months have been particularly hard for young people's mental health and wellbeing. Young people and their families in need of urgent help with their mental health can get free 24/7 support from trained NHS professionals by telephone.

The NHS has set up free telephone lines across London for young people in distress, open all day, every day, and staffed by trained mental health professionals. They can provide immediate support, or refer people to other sources of help if

Find your local crisis line number here.











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/lgfl-login/

If you do not have working internet or a device for your children to access these resources on (tablet, laptop or computer) please speak to their class teacher as soon as possible.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may be entitled to Free School Meals if you receive one of the following:

- **Income Support**
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)





If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals unless you have:

stopped work in the last 4 weeks; or reduced your hours to less than 16 hours in the last 4 weeks Free school meal entitlement will mean that you will not have to pay for school lunches and will receive concessionary rates for clubs and trips. It is also important for you to apply, as the school receives extra funding. https://

accountforms.camden.gov.uk/ freeschoolmeals/

Do you have any used printer cartridges lying around at home? Send them into the school office!

Parent group: Families, Food and Feelings

The Enhanced Healthy Living Service (EHLS) runs quarterly 6-week parent groups for Camden and Islington parents/carers of children aged 5-17 who struggle with excess weight. The group focuses on psychoeducation and strategies around boundary setting, healthy modelling, emotional eating and encouraging a healthy relationship with food. Referrals are accepted by professionals and parents can also self-refer via the brandoncentre.healthyliving@nhs.net email address.



Weekly Wellbeing Underte

We're delighted to be returning to school in a relatively 'normal' way this term and it's been so good to see so many of you at drop offs and pick ups. We hugely value our relationships with parents at Fleet so we're delighted that our staff our now able to see you in person more regularly. If there is anything that you'd like support with please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or Miss Wall and we will do everything that we can to help.

These are great websites providing advice to parents who would like support with their child's wellbeing:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/
parent/

https://

www.careforthefamily.org.uk/familylife/parent-support

https://

www.actionforchildren.org.uk/how-we-can-help/get-parenting-support/

Parent Workshops

We're keen to provide parent workshops where we can, to work together in order to best support your child's mental health and wellbeing. In the past we've hosted workshops on areas such as self-esteem and resilience and we'd really like to target the areas that most interest you. Please contact Miss Wall through the admin address (admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk) if you have any suggestions.



Wellbeing Tip of the Week!

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

Week 29 - Connecting with Others

The NHS carried out some research and suggested there are 5 steps we can take to improve our mental health and wellbeing, (see image) – this week we will focus on connecting with others.



Maintaining healthy relationships are important for our mental wellbeing, they can:

- Help us to build a sense of belonging and self-worth
- Give us an opportunity to share positive experiences
 Provide emotional support and allow you to support others

There are lots of things you could try to help build stronger and closer relationships:

- Arrange a day out with friends you have not seen for a while
- Try switching off the TV to talk or play a game with your children, friends or family
- Have lunch with a colleague
- Visit a friend or family member who needs support or company

If you or any friends/family are tidying gardens and pruning trees please save and bring in any branches or logs for our Forest School. Any size! They are very useful for making dens and forest crafts. Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please pop over and speak to Rebecca Combes in Nursery.



WELCOME TO CAMJAM!

The Camden Music Junior Saturday Centre



JOIN US ON SATURDAYS

at Brecknock School, NW1 9AL

- Music making sessions for children up to Year 5
- Instrumental lessons
- · Bands, orchestras and choirs
- Music technology
- Adult choir
- · Music groups for babies and very young children

www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres



camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk

Do you want to learn computer skills?

Camden adult community learning have FREE courses starting in November! Just come along or sign up online!

Drop-in Digital Skills Workshops

Every Monday & Wednesday, 10am-12pm Netley Adult Learning Centre, 74 Stanhope Street, NW13EX

Fun with Photos

Starts Wednesday 3rd November, 1pm-3pm Netley Adult Learning Centre, 74 Stanhope Street, NW13EX

MS Excel & Money Management for Beginners

Starts Tuesday 2nd November, 10am-1pm Training Link, 54-56 Phoenix Road, NW1 1ES

MS Word for Beginners

Starts Wednesday 3rd November, 10am-12pm Training Link, 54-56 Phoenix Road, NW1 1ES



Easy Introduction to Coding with Scratch

Starts Thursday 4th November, 3pm-5pm Online course

Enrol here: www.webenrol.com/camden

We have lots of other courses and drop-in workshops to help you improve your digital skills. You can even get an Essential Digital Skills Qualification!

Email: adultlearning@camden.gov.uk Enrol online: www.webenrol.com/camden

Phone: 020 7974 2148

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Camden

Family Kitchen at Home

Join our next free 90-minute online cooking sessions! Available for families with children aged 2 to 11 years.

To book your place and receive £30 food shopping vouchers to cover the cost of ingredients for the 4 sessions, contact us to register for the next programme:

> 0207 974 6736 healthandwellbeingteam@camden.gov.uk







and easy healthy recipes

> Share and make nutritious and delicious meals as a family

Find out more about sugar and label reading when you're out shopping for food

Ruild confidence around handling knives safely



Please book your place on the programme by contacting the Health and Wellbeing Team on healthandwellbeingteam@camden.gov.uk 0207 974 6736.



Free virtual sessions for the whole family



Fun, free and easy ways to keep

primary school pupils healthy,

happy and interested in cooking.

Follow along online with your family at a time that's convenient for you.







Camden residents will receive a supermarket voucher to cover the cost of ingredients.

Then send in a picture of the food you've made and complete a short online survey to receive a £5 Love2Shop voucher.





healthandwellbeingteam@

camden.gov.uk or call 020 79746736 to get your link to the education and cook along sessions and request a food shopping voucher



families for life





KIDS Early Years

Specialised Stay & Play sessions

The KIDS Portage team run two drop-in developmental stay and play sessions in Camden.

These are for pre-school children who have developmental delays or who have a diagnosed or an undiagnosed disability or condition.

Both groups provide a variety of play based activities aimed at supporting Children's learning and development.

We provide a support network for the parents and share information about local services

If you would like more information, please contact:

Karen.rodrigues-avers@kids.org.uk

SUPERSTARS SESSION

Tuesday 10.30-12.30 Harmood children centre 1 Forge Place, Ferdinand St. London NW1 8DQ

Sessions are term time only

AMAZING TOTS Session for under 2's

Thursday 10.30-12.30 JW3 Centre 341 - 351 Finchley Rd London NW3 6ET

Sessions are term time only

Keep up to date with us:

mww.kids.org.uk KIDScharity @ 0207 359 3635







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Does your child have asthma? Your child will need:



an asthma management



the correct inhaler technique



an annual asthma review

What you can do:

Ask your GP or school nurse for an asthma management plan

2 Ask your pharmacist, GP or nurse how to use their inhaler correctly

3 Ask your GP, asthma nurse or consultant for an annual asthma review for your child



These three important steps can prevent an emergency admission to hospital and even save a life.

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Gender equality: guide for families

What are gender stereotypes?

Fixed and widely held ideas about roles and behaviours that society thinks appropriate for men and women, girls and boys. For example that boys are more active, adventurous and tough and that girls are more caring, emotional and concerned with appearance. These stereotypes are everywhere in children's lives — in clothes, toys, books, media and language.

Children learn what those around them expect of them as a girl or a boy and their brains adapt. What might look like a child's free choice of toys, friends, subjects or jobs is heavily influenced by the messages the child has absorbed from birth about what's suitable for their gender. The good news is that we can change these messages.











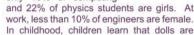


Why are they bad for everyone?

Gender stereotypes can limit children's choices, behaviour, aspirations and even achievement. They are bad for individuals and for society. They steer girls and boys in different directions – feeding different subject choices, different job options and even different health outcomes.

Study and work:

In childhood, construction and science toys are often sold 'for boys'. At A level, only 10% of computing



- 'girls' toys' and that women do more caring work. At work, fathers are twice as likely to be turned down in a request for flexible working. Only 11% of nurses are male.
- When it comes to children's career ideas, the gender divide is as strong at age 4 as at 14.

Health and mental health:

In childhood, boys learn not to show their feelings except through

like a girl

- feelings except through anger. Boys are 6 times less likely than girls to seek Childline counselling about suicidal thoughts and feelings. Men account for 75% of all suicides.
- 1 in 4 women in the UK will be a victim of domestic violence in her lifetime.

FAQs

- But aren't girls and boys just different? Despite popular perceptions, there is no credible scientific evidence of natural difference in interests or skills between genders. Children learn from the stereotypes surrounding them what is considered 'normal' for their gender – and their choices adapt accordingly.
- What's wrong with girls and boys liking different things? Nothing, so long as it is down to an individual child's preference rather than pressure to conform. Girls and boys are more alike than different.
- Are you saying I should stop telling my daughter how pretty she is? No – but if her appearance is what your daughter is most often praised for then she may start to think that society values her looks above her other qualities.
- What about boys? Statistically, boys are more likely than girls to achieve lower grades in school, to go to prison and not to seek help for mental health problems. Harmful gender stereotyping contributes to these outcomes.

Our aim: that children be free to make their own way as individuals, unlimited by gendered expectations



www.liftinglimits.org.uk

Gender stereotyping: what can we do about it?

Toys:

- Building blocks, puzzles and construction develop spatial awareness. Dolls and imaginary play help to develop empathy and communication. Introduce a range of toys for all children.
- Thinking about buying presents? For help avoiding gifts which reinforce gender stereotyping see the Let Toys be Toys website at www.lettoytsbetoys.org.uk – especially their Gift Guides and recommended retailers.

Opportunities to challenge gender stereotypes:

- In role-play games with younger children, who plays what roles?
 Talk to children about what they
- Talk to children about what they are seeing on TV – in what roles are male and female characters shown? How are female and male characters dressed?
- Look for positive role models of female leaders, women in sport, men in caring roles.

Language:

- Think about the messages language can suggest – e.g. 'man up' suggests that boys should not show their emotions. Never use 'girl' or 'girlie' as an insult.
- 'We need a strong man to open that' 'I can't do that with these nails' – throwaway comments can have a powerful impact on children.
- Use 'humankind' rather than 'mankind' or 'firefighter' rather than 'fireman' – avoid using the masculine to refer to everyone.

Expectations and aspirations:

Beware assumptions which might influence children's aspirations – e.g. by suggesting certain jobs are more for women or men or by assuming a future role as carer for girls and breadwinner for boys.

Attitudes:

- Teach children that caring roles are rewarding and important – and ensure that boys can see themselves in caring roles
- All emotions are for everyone! Don't discourage boys from crying or expressing how they feel.
- What praise are children given? e.g. repeated praise of girls as pretty and boys as clever or strong teaches children what society expects of them.

Books:

Children's books still send very gendered messages about male and female roles.

- Look for books with strong female leads and boys in caring roles – for boys and girls.
- Swap 'he' and 'she' where maledominated.
- Use books as an opportunity to question roles and attitudes.

Around the home:

- Who do children see doing what work around the house?
- What chores are children given at home are they different for girls and boys?
- Is different behaviour expected of sons and daughters?
- If newspapers and magazines show women and men in stereotypical roles, question these so that children don't assume that's just the way the world is.

Clothes and shoes:

- Are girls wearing clothes or shoes which are more delicate – which they need to keep clean or which hinder them in climbing or kicking a ball?
- Think about slogans, colours and the messages they send.

Similarities and differences:

- Don't set up girls and boys as 'opposite' or separate – there are more similarities between them than differences.
- Beware treating girls or boys as uniform groups.
 - Friendships between genders are to be encouraged.



www.liftinglimits.org.uk

Why learn music?

Learning a musical instrument can -

Support your child's literacy and numeracy

Help with concentration, co-ordination and mood

Lead to a career or be a lifelong, fulfilling activity where they will make friends.

How can you help?

Your child will need to practise regularly to make progress. At first this will mean setting aside 10 – 15 minutes three or four times a week (a regular time is best) but as your child progresses, they will need to practise most days, for longer. Younger children will need you to help them – you don't need to be musical, just be encouraging.

What else will help?

As soon as your child is able to play for more than a few minutes happily, and can play and read about eight notes, they could join one of our groups, make friends, and really develop their musicality.

Find out more here www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres

and here

www.camden.gov.uk/music-service-ensembles

Terms and conditions

All Camden Music staff have enhanced DBS clearance.

Payment for lessons must be made in advance. Lessons can only begin once a payment is received. You may pay in two instalments. You must have paid the second installment by half term.

We offer ten lessons per school term. Most terms have more than ten weeks. In the event of us not being able to offer ten lessons we will credit your account or make a refund for lessons missed. If the school is closed for reasons relating to COVID-19, lessons will be taught online. If you are unable to access online lessons, it may not be possible to make up the missed lessons and no refund will be given.

If the tutor is absent we will try to find a suitably qualified temporary replacement. If this is not possible and your child does not receive the number of lessons paid for that term, you will be reimbursed automatically after the end of the term.

In the event of a pupil not attending a lesson for any reason the tutor will make up the lesson, provided written notice has been given to both the tutor and to the Music Service three weeks before the missed lesson. If this is not possible, the cost of the missed lesson will be credited to your account. Lessons missed without three weeks' notice will not be made up and no refunds will be made.

Camden Music and/or the school will monitor the attendance and progress of pupils receiving free or subsidised lessons, and subsidy may be withdrawn if attendance is unsatisfactory.

If you wish to cancel tuition we require at least half a term's notice.

If you have any queries or require further information, please contact the Camden Music Service – 020 7974 7239 – camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk



- LESSONS IN SCHOOL SATURDAY CENTRES
- SUNDAY GROUPS

Camden Music is delighted to offer a wide range of one to one and shared music lessons in your school.

Getting started is easy!

Simply go to our website for more information and to register. Why not sign up for an exciting weekend or holiday group as well?

www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service



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Welcome to the Camden Instrumental Service

The Camden Music Service aims to extend the range of high quality instrumental tuition available to children attending Camden schools.

What instruments can my child learn?

We currently offer tuition on piano. Do let us know if your child is interested in starting a different instrument. If there is enough interest we can look to provide a tutor.

Will my child need an instrument?

Yes, because to progress children need to practise between lessons. Camden Music Service has a stock of instruments available for hire at very reasonable cost. Unfortunately we are not able to hire pianos, keyboards or drum kits.

If you would like to buy an instrument we can help through our **Instrumental Purchase Scheme** which lets you buy a brand new instrument at a greatly reduced price. To make life even easier, we offer a 12-month interest-free repayment scheme.

When and where will lessons take place?

Most instrumental lessons take place during the school day which means that pupils leave a classroom lesson for a short period.

What types of lessons are there?

We offer shared or individual lessons. Shared lessons can only be offered where there is another child of a suitable age and standard to share with yours. If there isn't, we will arrange a 20-minute individual lesson for you.

Shared lessons

- Ideal for beginners, especially for younger children
- Children learn from each other and have the opportunity to play together; excellent preparation for playing in ensembles later
- Children who start in a group can change to individual lessons later

Individual lessons

- Ideal for children who benefit from individual attention
- > Better for children who are easily distracted
- > Any sense of competition is reduced
- Easier to arrange a lesson to suit the needs
 of the child

What will it cost?

The following fees are based on 10 lessons during a school term.

Ten shared lessons (2 children) £84 per term Ten individual 20 min lessons £112 per term Ten individual 30 min lessons £168 per term

How do I pay?

The Music Service will send you an invoice before the start of term. Lessons will only start once you have paid. Payment may be made online or over the phone.

Is any financial help available?

Children eligible for Free School Meals may apply for a 50% reduction in fees.

What about if we want to stop?

We will invoice you for the next term's lessons shortly after half term. If you don't want to continue, please let us know. Lessons are booked for a term at a time and it is not usually possible to stop lessons part way through a term.

How do I apply?

- You can apply online
- Visit www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-musicservice and follow the link to instrumental and voice lessons in schools.
- We will put your child on our waiting list if there is not a lesson space available straight away.
- We will send you an invoice when a lesson is available. Your child's lesson will not start until you pay.



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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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 vou 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

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 ha

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

First Stop 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.

