#### New this week...

The 'Dates for the Term' on page 2 have been updated with a number of events and trips booked for this term so far. Please make a note of these dates. Page 4 has the provisional term dates for next vear—these are subject to change but we hope not. Page 8 has information on Family Art Day's run at our favourite gallery, the October Gallery while page 9 has information about an Eid BBQ happening locally which we would encourage you to go along to. Page 10 has some information on a course being run by Arsenal in the community to support weight control/loss for adults as well as information on ar ADHD parenting support group. Page 14 has the latest parent information sheet from National Online Safety—this week is all about Fortnite, a game I know a number of our children play. The rest of the newsletter includes a number of notices, adverts and requests from various other community organisations, which, while they have been included in the past, are well worth looking at again in case you missed them previously, or because something not relevant at the time it went into the newsletter may well be now.

### CAMDEN

#### Struggling with the rising cost of living?

We're here for you:

- Visit camden.gov.uk/costofliving
- Contact one of the organisations in the Camden Advice Network. Visit camden.gov.uk/can
- Call us on 020 7974 4444 (option 9)
- Call Citizens Advice Camden on 0808 278 7835

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#### 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.



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What is Parent Hub?



Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

Instructions for Parents



- 1. 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

#### Eid

We know many of you are currently fasting for Ramadan and will be looking forward to your Eid celebrations to mark the end of the fasting period later in April.

If Eid falls on a school day, as we expect it will this Friday, then children who celebrate Eid are entitled to take the day off school for religious observance.

Please make sure they return to school on Monday. If Eid does not fall on a school day, as there is currently some debate about if it will be Thursday or Friday night it starts, then there is no need for any school to be missed. Whenever it occurs, we wish all our Muslim families Eid Muharak

Reminder: Letter sent today—next Thursday (27th)
School will be closed to all children EXCEPT Year 6 due
to industrial action by members of the NEU.

#### **Fundraising Event**

Susan (mum to Jazzy and Zaida) is exhibiting artwork in an upcoming charitable art event. Susan, along with a number of the other artists at the event will be donating 25% of their sales to Fleet to support our Junior Playground renovation fund. Please support them by buying a ticket to attend the event or by visiting their Just giving Site—see poster below:

https://www.mindinharingey.org.uk/donations/theart-of-giving-fundraiser/

#### THE ART OF GIVING

#### **FUNDRAISING EVENT**



THE ART OF GIVING IS PROVIDING
A NEW EXPERIENCE, WHERE
CULTURE MEETS CHARITY. A FUN
NIGHT OF MUSIC, ART, FASHION,
PHOTOGRAPHY AND POETRY IN
THE HEART OF WEST
KENSINGTON. ONCE INSIDE YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO BUY A DRINK AT
THE BAR AND PURCHASE SOME
BEAUTIFUL PIECES OF ART AND
FASHION.

#### £10 ON THE DOOR

OR TO PURCHASE A TICKET & FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE EMAIL

the\_art\_of\_giving@yahoo.com



SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023 18:30 - 23:00 METRE SQUARED 9 BEAUMONT AVENUE W14 9LP



ALL PROCEEDS FROM TICKET SALES WILL BE DONATED TO MIND IN HARINGEY

HELPING TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

25% of any art or clothing bought on the night will be donated to a charity of the creatives choice.

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WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS		
27th April	NEU STRIKE—SCHOOL CLOSED to all EXCEPT Year 6 children	
1st May	Bank Holiday—May Day—School Closed	
2nd May	NEU Strike—School status to be confirmed	
8th May	Bank holiday—King's Coronation—School Closed	
16th May	Caterlink Taster Session in the Hall for Parents after school	
18th May	International Food Evening 5-7pm	
29th May-2nd June	Half Term Holiday—School Closed	
5th June	INSET Day—School Closed	
26th-30th June	STEAM Week	
3rd-7th July	Wellbeing Week	
7th July	Sports Day on the Heath	
12th July	Teacher drop in sessions after school —any questions about reports or to say hello to next year's teacher	
15th July	Summer Fair—date to t.b.c.	
21st July	Last Day of School—finish @ 2pm	

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3rd May	CLC visit
17th May:	Kentish Town Farm

#### RECEPTION

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26th April	Spring Walk	
28th April	October Gallery	
6th July	Class Assembly @10am	
6th July	Class Tea	
10th July	Hamnstead Heath	

#### YEAR 1

19th May	Hampstead Heath
23rd May	Talacre
15th June	Kew Gardens
29th June	Class Tea
30th June	Class Assembly @ 10am
4th July	London Zoo
13th July	Central London Mosque—t.b.c
18th July	Hampstead Heath

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4th May	WAC Arts
23rd May	Talacre
22nd June	Class Tea
23rd June	Class Assembly @ 10am
30th June	London Zoo
13th July	Central London Mosque—t.b.c
14th July	To the Beach

#### YEAR 3

3rd May	Y3&4 football on Heath after school—selected children
9th May	CLC
23rd May	Talacre
6th June	Central London Mosque—t.b.c
7th June	Kew Gardens
15th June	London Zoo
15th June	Class Tea
16th June	Class Assembly @ 10am
4th July	Camden Music Festival

#### YEAR 6

TEAR		
9th-12th May	KS2 SATs	
16th May	Talacre	
18th May	London Zoo	
22nd-26th May	Gower Residential Week	
6th June	Central London Mosque—t.b.c	
19th-30th June	Swimming everyday	
20th July	Leavers Assembly @ 2pm	
20th July	Y6 BBQ & Gower Exhibition	

#### YEAR 5

24th April	Royal Albert Hall Performance— collect from venue @ 9.30pm	
16th May	Talacre	
19th May	Class Assembly @ 10am	
25th May	Class Tea	
6th June	Central London Mosque—t.b.c	



#### VFAR 4

TEAR 4		
3rd May	Y3&4 football on Heath after school—selected children	
9th May	London Zoo	
16th May	Talacre	
8th June	Class Tea	
9th June	Class Assembly @ 10am	
16th June	Buddhist Centre	
27th June	Kew Gardens	

# Term Dates for this Academic Year...

#### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022-2023

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

First day of term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022
Last day of term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – close at 2pm

#### SPRING TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023	
Last day of term	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 – close at 2pm	

#### SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023 - school closed		
Additional Bank Holiday Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 – school closed		
Half term (inclusive) Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023		
Last day of term Friday 21st July 2023 – close at 2pm		

#### STAFF INSET DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 <sup>st</sup> half term	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> half term			Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023

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.

# Provisional Term Dates for next Academic Year - may be subject to change...

#### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023-2024

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

First day of term	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	
Last day of term	Thursday 21st December 2023 – close at 2pm	

#### SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	
Last day of term	Last day of term Thursday 28th March 2024 – close at 2pm	

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First day of term	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 - school closed	
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024	
Last day of term	Wednesday 24th July 2024 – close at 2pm	

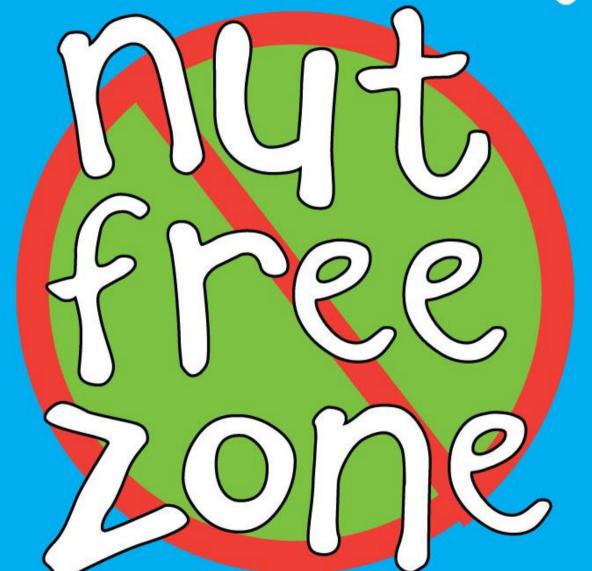
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Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start. REMINDER: This is a 'NUT FREE SCHOOL'. Do not send in any nuts or products containing nuts in packed lunches or for snacks. Thank you.



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please DO NOT bring nuts into this area



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 18th May 5-7pm in the Hall

Free entry
and free food!
Drinks available
to buy, raising funds
for the school.

# Fleet Primary School Calencar Competition Calencar Competition This years theme. A Wondarful World. This week in assembly we introduced to the children this years theme.

This week in assembly we introduced to the children this years theme for our annual Fleet Calendar Art Competition. The school's Rights Respecting Ambassadors helped to come up with the ideas.

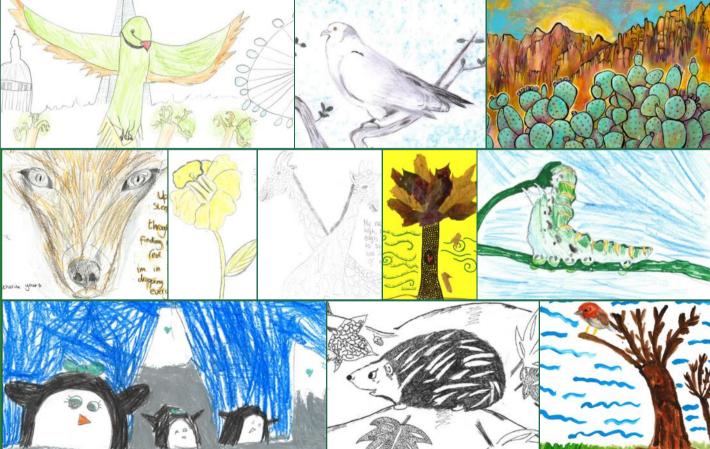
The theme this year is 'A Wonderful World' and is all about the natural world and protecting it. Art can be inspired by nature, animals, plants, insects, birds, ocean life, habitats, protecting the environment or environmentalists—see some of the examples at the bottom of this page.

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. It is important that they put their name and class on the reverse side of the picture

in pencil (don't write in pen and not on the front). They should also include a 'fun fact' about their subject written on the back too which will be included in the final calendar if their image is selected.

Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2024. Entries should be handed in to the school office. We have some very talented artists at Fleet and we can't wait to see the fantastic pieces the children come up with. Good luck!





october gallery

# FAMILY ART DAY

FREE ART AND PLAY AT OCTOBER GALLERY

10AM - 12PM

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OF THE MONTH

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SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023 SATURDAY 27 MAY 2023 SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023

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WWW.OCTOBERGALLERYEDUCATION.COM





LOCATION: Camden - Camden School for Girls













# Have fun learning to play the drums at Fleet School

- Lessons will take place during the school day
- Taught by an experienced Camden Music Tutor
- Recommended for children in years 2 6

#### **Getting started is easy!**

Simply apply online www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service

020 7974 7239 camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk



TICKETS:

### THE CAMDEN CLEAN **AIR CYCLE RIDE 2023**

Saturday 20 May 2023, 09:30 to 11:30, **Granary Square, King's Cross** 



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# rom Rational C What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CHAPTER ortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular — with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player—vs=player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game—known as 'chapters'—and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle WHAT ARE THE RISKS? anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters ALWAYS ONLINE **IN-GAME COSTS**

#### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### MATCH GAMING TIMES

#### USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

#### **BE WARY OF SCAMS**

#### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

#### Meet Our Expert



@natonlinesafety



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A course for parents to help build skills in managing their children's behaviour

#### Incredible Years' School Age Group:

Parents of children aged 5-11





#### **About Incredible Years:**

- An evidence-based parenting programme helping parents to manage and reduce difficult and disruptive behaviours
- The programme recognises that you are the expert on your child and will not criticise or judge your parenting
- Gives you the opportunity to be with other parents, to share ideas and try out practical activities at home
- Support parents to promote their children's social, emotional, and academic development
- Uses a mixture of videos, group discussion and practices to cover each skill

#### Topics covered:

- Parental attention and child-led play
- Social, emotional and persistence coaching
- Effective praise and rewards
- · Rules, routines and boundaries
- Managing misbehaviour through consequence and time-out

#### Aims of the programme:

- Strengthen the relationship you have with your child
- Help you to believe in yourself as a successful parent
- Help your child to feel better about themselves
- Develop skills to help your child manage their emotions and feel calm
- Help you cope and feel in control
- Develop effective parenting strategies
- Help your child with friendships



#### About the group:

- There will be a maximum of 12 parents in the group
- A safe, non-judgemental space to meet other parents and carers to share knowledge and experiences and to support each other
- The group will meet every Friday morning during term time for 12 weeks
- Each session will run for 2 hours

Dates: 28th April—21st July 2023

Day: Every Friday (during term-time only)

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

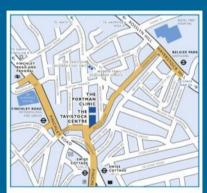
Venue: The Tavistock Centre and Zoom (online video platform)





#### Location:

- The group will take place both face to face and on the online video platform Zoom
- For face to face sessions you will meet at The Tavistock Centre
- For online sessions the facilitators of the group will send you a Zoom link via email in order to access the group
- You will be given information on how to use Zoom before the group starts and group facilitators will provide support to any parents that are unfamiliar with the Zoom application



Camden CAMHS Wellbeing Team and the Mental Health Support Team in schools (MHST)

Tavistock Centre 120 Belsize Lane London NW3 5BA

Email: CwpAdmin@tavi-port.nhs.uk

Phone: 020 8938 2232

Please ask to speak with Marie Hagan-Asmah (Trainee Parenting Practitioner) or Emma Rahman (Parenting Practitioner)



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**Bursaries Available** 

for more information, visit www.wacarts.co.uk Wac Arts, 213 Haverstock Hill, London, NW3 4QP





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Aerials: Beginner & Int/ Advanced **Wac Arts Actors Company** Wac Arts Dance Company (14-30 yrs)

Aerials: Open Class (14-30 yrs) Tap: ISTD Primary (5+ yrs)

Tap: ISTD Grade 1 (7+ yrs)

£3.75 - £6

MON

**TUES** 

Ballet: ISTD Primary (5+ yrs) Ballet: ISTD Grade 1 (7+ yrs) Over 50s Ballet

£3.75 - £6

Inclusion programme exploring creative and performing arts specifically designed for those with mild/ moderate learning disabilities.

Spark (9-12 yrs) Ignite (13-17 yrs)

Urban Motivation (18-30 yrs) £3.75 - £5

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Bursaries Available

for more information, visit www.wacarts.co.ul

Wac Arts, 213 Haverstock Hill, London, NW3 4QP











#### WHAT'S MORE, YOUR CHILD WILL...

- Develop social skills whilst having fun with new friends
- Feel motivated as they progress through stages
- Improve their confidence with every stroke
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Book now to secure your child's place at better.org.uk/swim-school









## Sprint, run, throw and jump into athletics!

QuadKids 2023

At Parliament Hill Track on:

Sunday 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May and 4th June 12-2 pm

Register (£3) onsite from 11:30 or online at:

https://webcollect.org.uk/highgate

How fast can you sprint?

How far can you throw?

What's your longest long jump? Got the stamina to race for two minutes?

QuadKids is an England Athletics endorsed format for children of all abilities under 12. It's quick, fun and a great way to measure progress over time.

For further details email Brenda Myers quadkids@highgateharriers.org.uk

We hope to see you there!



**Highgate Harriers** www.highgateharriers.org.uk



#### **WEEKLY GIRLS SESSIONS**

#### **TUESDAYS**

TIME: 4.30-6pm AGES 5-11 COST: FREE

Castlehaven Pitch 1, 23 Castlehaven Rd, NW18RU

SCAN OR CODE TO SIGN UP (5-11)





TIME: 4.30-6pm AGES 12-14 COST: FREE

Castlehaven Pitches 2 & 3, 23 Castlehaven Rd, NW1 8RU SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP (12-14)









# GIRLS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



#### BOOK A FREE TASTER CLASS NOW

- Skills & ball mastery techniques
- Agility, balance, coordination & speed
- Strategy & teamwork training
- Tun games & friendly matches

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#### **EVERY TUESDAY**

6-11 year olds 5:30-6:30pm

#### FIRST CLASS IS FREE!

£6 per week thereafter Concession rates & sibling discounts apply

#### FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL - 4G ASTROTURE

Agincourt Rd, London, NW3 2QT

Registration Link www.prorevo.co.uk **More Information** 

+E: prorevolution.development@gmail.com

### **Keats Community Library**

# Maths' Club



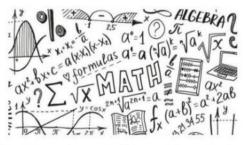
# All Homework Questions & Tackling GCSE Maths ALL AGES WELCOME

# Tuesdays after-school

4:30-5:30 pm

Beginning 7 March

In the Children's Library



Lia is a Year 11 Maths Teacher with a degree in Maths and Statistics. She will help with homework and explain topics as needed. She will provide tips and advice on how to prepare for the GCSE exams.

Lia loves teaching maths and wishes to show how mathematics can be fun and rewarding! (mobile: 07501516289)

Sign up Required! By message or email! £10/child (£8 siblings)payable to Lia

Any questions? Email kclchildrenslibrary@gmail.com

Keats Community Library is a registered charity (1146702) and a company limited by guarantee (07889559) We are at: The Library, Keats Grove, London NW3 2RR.

## **Keats Community Library**

invites you to enjoy

### KEATS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# **Ballet Storytime**



30-minute stay and play session £5/child Recommended for children 18 months+

### Wednesdays 2-2:30 pm

Explore ballet's timeless tales in this interactive class for young children and their parents/ guardians.

An introduction to the wonderful music and movement of ballet, combined with storytelling, mime and fun for all.

With Lucy Heard, RAD RTS www.thehouseofballet.com

Online sign up is requested!

Drop-ins welcome

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#### **NSPCC School's Service Volunteer**

Locations: Central London (Camden, Islington, City, Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, Tower Hamlets)



What we're looking for: We need people to help us protect a generation of children from abuse and neglect. As a Speak out. Stay safe. volunteer, you will visit primary schools to deliver Speak out. Stay safe. workshops to children in Year 5 and Year 6 that teach children about the different types of abuse and how they can speak out and stay safe.

What you'll do: Our Speak out. Stay safe. workshops are age-appropriate and memorable and need an energetic and enthusiastic person to deliver them. You'll work alongside other Speak out. Stay safe. volunteers to make sure at the end of each session the children feel empowered and know who they can speak out to if they are worried. In some session's children may speak up and disclose abuse, so you will also be required to sensitively handle this and report any concerns you have about the child. But don't worry you'll get plenty of support and training on this.

Who's right for the role? While we think this role is suitable for a whole range of people, we are particularly looking for those with the following qualities and experience:

- Passionate about helping children and young people
- Great communication skills
- Empathetic and perceptive

- Sensitive and supportive
- Able to think on your feet
- Work well within a team

For this role, we can only accept people over the age of 16.

Interested in getting involved? Volunteer today and join our fight for every childhood.

Please email Faye - Faye.Wynne@NSPCC.org.uk for more information or to register your interest!

# Reducing Parental Conflict Streng Online Course

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner. or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions





Information on strategies to identify and reduce conflict



Hear from other parents and carers



Downloadable worksheets and handouts



Videos, quizzes and interactive activities



Do sessions at a time that works for you



Weekly support from our course experts

Camden parents can claim their free place by contacting Eleni with a contact email and number: eleni.sfsc@racefound.org.uk

#### **TOPICS COVERED**

- Healthy adult relationships
- Identifying and managing conflict
- Understanding how conflict affects your children
- Enhancing parent-child relationships
- · Managing stress, anger and emotions
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

#### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you
- Address other difficulties relating to your relationships
- · Hear from others about what works for them

Find out more or register for the course:

sfscparent@racefound.org.uk www.strengthening-families.net

# COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENT

SATURDAY 29 APRIL 12PM-4PM

1-2 LISMORE CIRCUS, NW5 4QF





- Community Health Bus Health Education
- Diet Advice Free Health Checks Smoothie Bikes
- Face Painting Live exercise and football sessions
- Live music .... and many more!





### Home-Start Camden & Islington is a grass-roots charity that supports and empowers parents with children under five who are struggling to cope.

Our volunteers are given bespoke training and matched with a family to best meet the family's needs. They visit the families in their home and provide non-judgmental, peer-to-peer, practical and emotional support.



All volunteers have parenting experience so they know what families are going through. Support is confidential, compassionate and totally responsive to the needs of the family.

#### To receive support from Home-Start Camden and Islington all we need to know is that you:

- Live in Camden or Islington
- Have a child or children under the age of five
- Be in need of a little extra help

### For more information, including on how to self-refer for support, use the details below:

https://homestartcamdenandislington.org.uk/

Tel: 0207 099 6041

Email: info@homestartcamden.org







Could you volunteer to help a child with their reading? Our school is working with Bookmark, a children's literacy charity, to provide our pupils with extra reading support. As a volunteer, you'll come into school to read and play fun, literacy games with the same child for 30-minute sessions, twice a week. We're looking for people who could support a minimum of two children a week, across 12 weeks. Sign up now to help children in your local community. Please feel free to share this volunteering opportunity with your own networks. You can find out more and sign up here: <a href="www.bookmarkreading.org/volunteerf2f">www.bookmarkreading.org/volunteerf2f</a>



Multiply

**FREE MATHS SKILLS** COURSES

SUPPORTED BY MAYOR OF LONDON

Multiply is a brand-new programme designed to help adults in London improve their maths skills to help with everyday life and provide more opportunities.

Multiply courses can help you to:

- Improve your confidence
- Manage your money
- Strengthen skills in the workplace
- Upskill to access better job opportunities
- Gain a maths qualification if you don't have one
- Support your children while improving your own skills
- Access maths if you've found it hard to access before

To be eligible you must:

- Have the right to live and work in UK
- Be aged 19+
- Live in London
- Not have maths GCSE at grade C (or equivalent)
- Have evidence of 3 years of residency in the UK

Having a good level of maths skills can help you find more job opportunities and lead to higher wages or can help you prepare for further study. They also help in everyday life, for example helping children with homework and budgeting.

Launching this year across the UK, 'Multiply' is a new government funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills.

If you're aged 19 and over and don't have maths GCSF Grade 4 Grade C or equivalent, you can access free numeracy courses through Multiply to build your confidence with numbers and gain a qualification.



We are partnered with the Mayor of London to deliver free Multiply courses designed to fit into your daily life, including evenings and weekends.



Are you interested in taking part in Multiply? Simply register your interest

If you have any gueries or are an employer who is interested in taking part, please email the Multiply Team on

Multiply@capitalccg.ac.uk



MAYOR OF LONDON









for more details, email the Multiply team on: Multiply@capitalccg.ac.ukor scan the QR code



# Find your nearest warm welcome space



#### camden.gov.uk/warmwelcome



To help everyone stay warm this winter, 'warm welcome' spaces are available in Camden's libraries, council buildings and voluntary and community sector organisations across the borough.

Each 'warm welcome' space will be a little different in its offer but wherever residents visit, they will be met with warmth and kindness, and they will be able to relax, meet up with others and get support with the cost of living crisis in a safe and warm place.





to find the right staff, and at the same time help local people to access the job opportunities created by the redevelopment of King's Cross, Our service is personal, highly-We help companies to recruit at all levels and have a track record of successfully working with a range of companies, from small businesses to multi-national organisations.

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#### Cooperation St Martin's is your new community food co-op.

A food co-op is a neighbourhood buying group, where members get quality groceries at very affordable prices.

Co-ops buy food and household products in bulk and, in addition, get free supermarket surplus.

Co-op members save up to 40% off their weekly food costs by organising with their neighbours.

Food co-ops are run by members, who together decide what to buy and how to run the project. No bosses, no managers!

#### Meeting every Thursday, 7pm At St Martin's Church, Vicar's Road NW5 4NN

To find out more and join the co-op contact Martin on 07901 001754

www.cooperation.town | info@cooperation.town | @CooperationTown



#### Citizens Advice Camden

How to contact us:



#### Adviceline

0808 278 7835

Monday - Friday 10am-4pm



Complete the call-back request form on our website and we will call you.

www.camdencabservice.org.uk

If you need help with Universal Credit please call us on:

\* Help to Claim for advice about making new claims up until your first payment

Call 0800 1448 4444 (free number). Mon to Fri 8am - 6pm Webchat:

visit https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/universal-credit/claiming/helptoclaim/ on our website and click on the 'Talk to an Adviser' button half way down

\* Universal Credit Support for help maintaining your claim and problems including UC stopping, sanctions and appeals.

Call 07765 293116 and leave a message with your number and we'll call you back

Visit our website for details of all our services

Citizens Advice Camden is a registered charity 291955

#### I want to support people in my community

citizens advice

#### Volunteer with us

#### **Advice Support Workers** This role provides administrative support for the service.

**Trainee Advisers** This role gives detailed advice and assistance to our clients.

#### Adviceline Assessors This role provides an initial telephone assessment of

#### **Benefit Case Makers**

This role supports client in making disability benefit applications.



Please visit our website for details of our current volunteering opportunities or email us for further details:

Volunteer.Project@camdencabservice.org.uk

www.camdencabservice.org.uk



#### Healthy Start pre-paid card and free vitamins

Do you receive income support? Are you pregnant or do you have any children under the age of four? You may be eligible for a Healthy Start prepaid card. The Healthy Start payments can be used to buy milk, fruit, vegetables, and infant formula. If you are eligible, you may receive: £4.25 each week from the 10<sup>th</sup> week of your pregnancy, £8.50 each week for children from birth to one year old, £4.25 each week for children between one and four years old. Apply online. Pregnant women and children under the age of four are also eligible for free vitamins from children's centres. Find your local children's centre here.

#### Cost of living crisis advice, support booklet and translated advice

To support residents with the cost of living crisis, Camden have developed an advice and support booklet which can be downloaded here. We have translated posters which signpost to support with the cost of living crisis, help with food, energy bills, mental health and help finding a job into Arabic, Somali, Sylheti, Turkish, Kurdish, Lingala and Swahili. These can be downloaded on Camden website.

#### Cost of Living Crisis Fund Payment

Camden Council's Cost of Living Crisis Fund is for residents and families facing severe financial hardship and who cannot afford essentials – including food, energy bills, water, electricity and housing.

- The maximum award for a household of any size is £500
- A household can only receive a maximum of two awards in a 12-month period and the amount you are awarded will depend on your circumstances and household size
- We will prioritise those in greatest need

The support can take many forms including payments into bank accounts, vouchers, help with debt repayments or equipment that will help you to reduce your costs and/or keep warm this winter.

#### How to apply

Camden want to ensure residents are getting all the help and advice they need to live well in Camden.

If you are a tenant and in financial hardship, speak to your neighbourhood housing officer who will be able to refer you to the scheme and help you get other forms of support.

If you live in temporary or supported housing or have a social worker, speak to your support worker as they can also refer you for a payment and help you get other forms of support.

If you live in the private rented sector, other social housing or own your home and are in financial hardship, speak to one of our advice partners. You can also get help via Good Work Camden, by calling Citizens Advice Camden on 0808 278 7835 or by calling us on 020 7974 4444, option 9 (welfare support).

We can also refer you as school – come and speak to us if you think you are eligible and need our help to access this support (see eligibility criteria below):

#### Eligibility criteria

- You must have lived in Camden for at least six weeks. We will check the council tax database and if you are not registered then we will come back to you for another form of proof such as a bill, bank statement or benefit letter addressed to you at the address you are claiming for. The faster we receive proof of residency the faster the award can be made.
- 2. No more than two payments will be made per household in any 12-month period. When you apply, we will check records to see how many awards a household has received. If there is more than one adult or family in the household, the application must come from the person responsible for council tax.
- 3. You must be over 18 to apply, but we will accept applications from 16 to 18 year olds living independently because we know that not all young people are able to remain at home

You must be able to prove that you are in severe hardship or financial crisis

#### The cost-of-living advice bus

If you're struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and want some help, come along to our advice bus. Run in collaboration with local advice partners, you'll be able to get advice on a range of issues - including money, debt, help finding a job and accessing all the support you're entitled to. In December, you can find the advice bus dates using this link <a href="mailto:camden.gov.uk/warmeents">camden.gov.uk/warmeents</a>. To find out more about advice and support, visit <a href="mailto:camden.gov.uk/costofliving">camden.gov.uk/warmeents</a>. To find your nearest 'warm welcome' space, visit <a href="mailto:camden.gov.uk/warmwelcome">camden.gov.uk/warmwelcome</a>

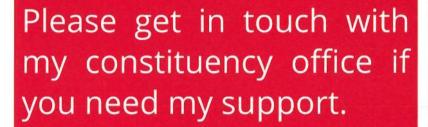
# Keir Starmer



MP for Holborn and St Pancras

#### **Casework Service**

If you live in Holborn and St Pancras and are facing a problem, my team and I may be able to help.



You will need to include your full address and phone number.









keir.starmer.constituency@parliament.uk



020 7388 7862



Keir Starmer MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A OAA

#### Come and talk to us..

We listen to parents. We can advise you about your child's development, breastfeeding, parenting, housing, employment and benefits advice. There are local free drop-in 'stay and play' sessions and we can help you find an early education and childcare place. In fact everything you need in the early years to bring up your child.

Come along to your local children's centre and get to know other parents.

If you would like to know more - just ask us.

do not charge for our services





#### Children's Centres:

- 1a Children's Centre 1a Rosebery Avenue EC1R 4SR 020 7974 7024
- Regents Park Children's Centre Augustus Street NW1 3TJ 020 7974 8934
- C Harmood Children's Centre 1 Forge Place NW1 8DQ 020 7974 8961
- O Agar Children's Centre ulworth, Wrotham Road NW1 9SU 020 7974 4789
- Kilburn Grange Children's Centre 1 Palmerston Road NW6 2JL 020 7974 5080

camden.gov.uk/camdensurestart



Pregnant or have a child under five? We can help, come



Camden











#### Mums, Dads and Carers, come with your children to

Happy, healthy and looking forward to the future? That's what you and your child deserve. It's why Camden has developed a complete range of services, designed to offer support during the first months and years of your child's life.

your local children's centre.

We're here for the whole family. From the moment you know you're expecting a baby, our services and support will be available to you and your child, right up until birth and for years into the future.

Advice and play activities to support your child's speech and language

#### What kind of help?

We want you to feel confident as a parent, to be aware of everything that's available for your child's early development. We can help - come and talk to us.

You may be a first-time dad or mum or you could already have a family. Either way, we want to help you and your child to feel secure, healthy and happy.

Some dads and mums are anxious about caring for their baby and how to look after a growing child. Others need help with practical issues like benefits advice, employment or arranging affordable childcare.

Whatever you need, we want to help you and your child get the best start in life.



One-to-one support if you are feeling low, anxious or stressed by family life

#### Our support.



Midwifery and health visiting services



Information and support about breastfeeding, baby feeding and healthy eating



Stay and play drop-ins and other activities for you and your child to enjoy together



Family support team - if you need extra help



Early education and childcare and childminders



Help to find training and employment and benefits advice



Local services for children with special educational needs and/or Disabilities, visit localoffer.camden.gov.uk

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 Beth Cleine in Year 1 or Rebecca Combes in Nursery.



#### **Message from Camden Music Service:**



# Half price instrument/singing lessons for children of families claiming housing benefit and council tax support

Universal Music Group has generously given us some money to help families of pupils in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) to pay for music lessons. **Priority will be given to those pupils already on instrument lesson waiting lists.** 

Here are the instruments you can choose in this scheme (please note that not all schools can offer all instruments as for tutors to attend a school there needs to be a certain amount of children wanting to do a specific instrument.

Apply here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/apply-for-music-lessons-in-school

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#### 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
- SUNDAY GROUPS HOLIDAY COURSES

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



#### **Camden Music Service**

The Crowndale Centre 218 – 220 Eversholt Street London NW1 1BD Tel 020 7974 7239

camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk

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

# Individual Instrument Turtion at Fleet

#### 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.

#### **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



020 7974 7239 camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk

#### **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM**

# CAMDEN MHST

Camden's Mental Health Support

Team works across Primary schools

providing interventions for children

and young people experiencing anxiety or low mood.

#### SUPPORT AND INTERVENTIONS

Individual/Parent led therapy

Group therapy and workshops

Whole class interventions

Parent/carer webinars: including topic on sleep, screen time and anxiety therapeutic conversations.









Fleet Primary School, Fleet Road, London. NW3 2QT

#### FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOLS PRACTITIONER

THOMAS BURNAND
School Hours: Wednesday Afternoon

If you are interested in getting help, please contact:

Rebecca Wall —Deputy Head

# Parent and carer counselling service

# Are you stressed or worried and need someone to talk to?

Are you a parent or carer with a child in a Camden school or children's centre?

Life is complicated and sometimes feels like an uphill struggle. Talking with a counsellor can help untangle thoughts and feelings.

The parent and carer counselling service is FREE

Counselling sessions are confidential

 Counselling takes place in schools and children's centres

Counselling is arranged by completing an application form or by phoning or emailing the co-ordinator.

We can also support with the referral process from in school. If you would like any support with this please come and speak to Rhian or Don.



#### PCCS co-ordinator, SEN and psychology services

Children, schools and families, Camden Council, Crowndale Centre 218 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD

Telephone: 0207 974 6500 Email: pccs@camden.gov.uk



#### 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: <a href="https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school">https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school</a> or download app for mobile
- Numbots (EYFS/KS1): <a href="https://play.numbots.com/#/account/">https://play.numbots.com/#/account/</a> 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.



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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.











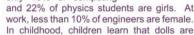


#### Why are they bad for everyone?

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.



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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

What's Early Help?

Early Help is about family and

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

What can you help with?

Every family we work with is

experiencing relationship breakdown or conflict, violence in the home, children showing

unique. We work with families

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

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.

health problems. Often it's a

choice whether to have it or not.

being here for when families



#### 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 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 in your local

help and support 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 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.

