Wednesday 8th February 2023

New this week...

Various adverts on this front page, including information on Home Learning Projects. Page 2 as usual has the latest dates for the coming term's trips and events. Page 4 to Page 7 includes details on half term holiday activities available locally. Page 8 has information on becoming a school's service volunteer with the wonderful NSPCC. Page 26 has the latest parent guide to supporting your children online from National Online Safety (see also links below). The remainder of the newsletter includes ads that have been in previously from a number of local organisations and the council but well worth revisiting in case you have missed anything in the past.

Internet Safety Day Links

Further to the letter sent home yesterday here are useful links for you as parents and carers:

- ⇒ https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/learning/ subject-information/online-safety
- ⇒ https://padlet.com/m rebelo/parents-online -safety-feb-2023-q9mf5sbgoss9mdsw
- ⇒ https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides? utm source=twitter&utm medium=social&u tm campaign=nos-globaldayofparentsguides



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Half Term Home Learning Projects—Years 2-6

Home learning projects should be brought into school by the deadline of Monday 27th February. We will hold an exhibition on Tuesday 28th after school in the hall so that parents and family can see the wonderful work the children create and celebrate their achievements. Remember, the project can take any form—picture, sculpture, model, writing, digital presentation—but should relate to their current class topic. It can cover something they have learnt in class or something related they have researched themselves. If you would like to see a slideshow of previous home learning projects for ideas see this link: https://vimeo.com/710828239

Daunt Books—Book Fair **Tuesday 28th February**

As part of our Fleet Book Week celebrations we are hosting a book fair in the hall after school on Tuesday 28th February. Daunt Books will have a



selection of books for you to browse and buy.

They will also have the 'World Book Day' £1 books and children will be able to spend their 'World Book Day' £1 Token here to buy one, or use it to get £1 off another book. Please do come along (you will be able to see the Home Learning Exhibition at the same time—see above).

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.

- 6th-10th February: Children's Mental Health Week—various class and school based activities
- 9th February: Safer Internet Day—workshops for Reception, 3, 4 and 5
- 9th February: Year 1 to the October Gallery
- 9th February: Year 3 to Wigmore Hall
- 9th February: Year 2 to Talacre
- 9th february: Year 6 to UCS school for Science workshop (need to be in school for 8.20am)
- 9th February: Year 6 Class Tea
- 10th February: Year 6 Class Assembly
- 10th February: Year 4 to October Gallery
- 13th-17th February: Half Term—school closed
- 20th Feb-3rd Mar: Bike Training for Y3, Y1 and **EYFS**
- 21st February: Year 3 to British Museum
- 22nd February: Year 3 Friendship Workshop (in school)
- 23rd February: Year 2 STEAM Workshop (in school)
- 23rd February: Year 5 Class Tea
- 24th February: Year 5 Class Assembly
- 27th Feb-3rd Mar: Book Week
- 27th February: Year 6 to East London Mosque
- 28th February: Home Learning Project Exhibition in the Hall after school
- 28th February: Book Fair in the Hall after school
- 2nd March: FURTHER STRIKE DAY BY NEU MEMBERS—school status t.b.c.
- 2nd March: Year 4 Class Tea
- 3rd March: World Book Day—Dress Up as your 24th March: Year 1 Class Assembly favourite story character (moved due to the teacher strike planned for 2nd)
- 3rd March: Year 4 Class Assembly
- 3rd March: Arsenal workshops with Years 4 &
- 7th March: Year 1 to the Heath
- 7th March: Year 5 to Royal Observatory, Greenwich
- 8th March: Year 2 to the Heath

- 8th March: Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball @ Talacre after school (selected children)
- 9th March: Year 2 Class Tea
- 10th March: Parent Workshop @9am— Trauma Informed Practice and how we use it in school
- 10th March: Year 2 Class Assembly
- 13th March: Irish Dancing Workshop for KS1 & KS2
- 13th March: Year 6 to British Museum
- 14th March: Year 5 to the Science Museum
- 15th & 16th March: FURTHER STRIKE DAY BY NEU MEMBERS—school status t.b.c.
- 15th March: Nursery to Kentish Town City Farm (waiting on new date due to strike)
- 16th March: Year 2 to Regents Park
- 16th March: Year 3 Class Tea
- 17th March: Year 3 Class Assembly
- 20th—30th March: Year 5 Swimming everyday
- 21st March: Year 6 to British Library
- 21st March: Parent Meetings: only Year 1 and Year 2
- 22nd March: Parent Meetings: only Reception, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
- 23rd March: Year 2 to Hampstead Heath
- 23rd March: Year 5 Trumpets & Trombones RAH rehearsal (at Fleet)
- 23rd March: Parent Meetings: all classes— Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- 23rd March: Year 1 Class Tea
- 27th March: Year 4 to Science Museum
- 28th March: Year 4 Airspace Workshop (in school)
- 30th March: Year 1 to the Zoo
- 30th March: International Food Evening—5-7pm
- 31st March: end of term—school closes at 2pm
- 18th April: Summer Term Starts—Children Back

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.

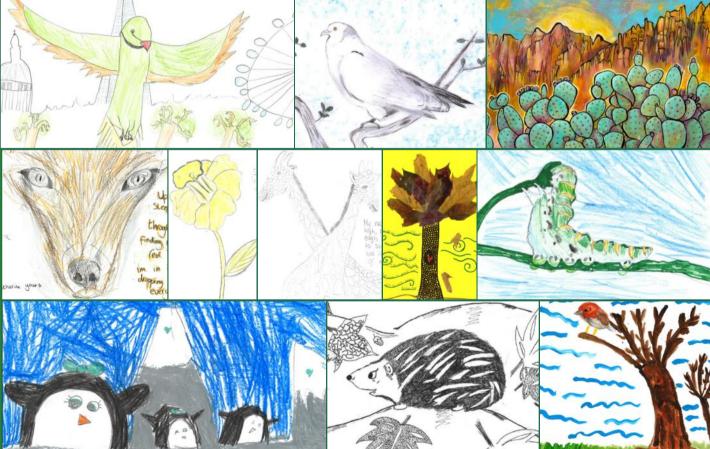
The theme this year is 'A Wonderful World' and is all about the natural world and protecting it. Art can be inspired by nature, animals, plants, insects, birds, ocean life, habitats, protecting the environment or environmentalists—see some of the examples at the bottom of this page.

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.

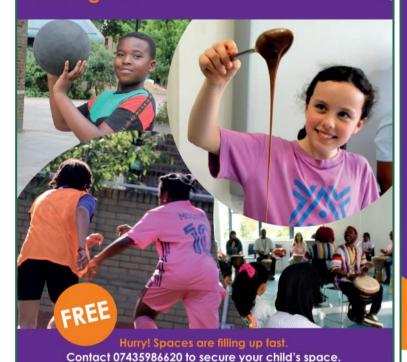
Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2024. Entries should be handed in to the school office. We have some very talented artists at Fleet and we can't wait to see the fantastic pieces the children come up with. Good luck!





February Half Term Activities

For ages 8+



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February Half Term Activities Timetable:

Activ8 Zone (ages 8-13)

13th - 16th February 11:00am - 2:00 pm

Re-bound Zone

13th - 16th February

Activ8 Zone is designed for 8-13-year-olds to try something new, make friends and be active. Activities include football, basketball, arts & crafts, cooking and more.

How To Find Us:

Underground: Camden Town or Chalk Farm Station (Northern Line)

Trains: Camden Road Station, Kentish Town West Station (London Overground)

Buses: 24, 27, 31 or 168



All Castlehaven staff and tutors are professionally trained, vetted and enhanced DBS checked. For more information, please email selina@castlehaven.org.uk or call 07435986620.

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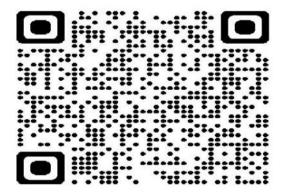


Community Sports programmes for young people



Offering a wide range of fun, free / affordable sports & physical activity this Feb Half term for ages from 4-18yrs in Camden.

Please scan the QR code for our Camden holiday activities page to find out more about what is on offer, how to register and more.







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- Dates: Mon 13 Fri 17 Feb 2023 (5 days)
- Open to Children: ages 5-12 years Only.
- Venues: across London (look right>)
- Times: 9am 3:30pm (6.5hrs).

Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm

• Day Places: limited day-places available to book online

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Neuron Networks!
Chunnel Games!
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and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes!...



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!

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







Multiply

FREE MATHS SKILLS COURSES

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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

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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.



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 10th 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 camden.gov.uk/warmeents. To find out more about advice and support, visit camden.gov.uk/warmeents. To find your nearest 'warm welcome' space, visit camden.gov.uk/warmwelcome

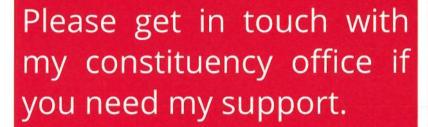
Keir Starmer



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.









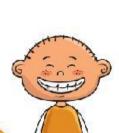
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Does your dog love children?

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Worried if your dog doesn't have the correct training? Underdog International will supply all the training you and your dog need to become a successful therapy dog.

If you'd like to apply, you need to?

- Have a dog that is over one year old.
- Be able to volunteer one afternoon or morning every week or fortnight for at least six months.
- Have a dog that is well-behaved and good with children.



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WEEKEND

SUN

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



TUES

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

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





HVH ARTS

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SPRING SCHEDULES 2023

Supporting all our young people by offering our free courses and workshops in the Arts.

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

We are pleased to be able to offer the following courses FREE and continue to support our young people in Camden. We must ensure that we follow up on our courses by giving our young people access to the arts projects that we deliver to encourage and inspire our future generation!

Please take note of age groups according to course/workshops as this is important when enrolling your child/young person. See location and times according to workshops in schedules below.

We will be adding more projects during the Springterm - you'd like to receive our updates please email courses@hvharts.org

TMMP BAND /TMMP MUSIC PRODUCTION:

With professional musicians Spider and Piers, we are delighted to announce we are supporting 15 young people every Saturday and Sunday to support learning to play musical instruments, voice ocaching, song writing and music production. To enrol, you must be able to commit to the dates of this programme to enable us to teach the skills we provide to give the highest level of education in music.

With professional music producers and writers we will teach management skills, production skills and writing skills each session. The outcome at the end of the 3 months will be for this group to manage, write, product their own tracks to be released on Spotify, Tiunes and Apple Music - to ensure full release is managed and released on DITTO. The young people on this course value of the service of the service

Location: Pirate Studios, Hampshire Street, Camden, NW1

TMMP Band Dates:

7 Jan, 14 Jan, 21 Jan, 4 Feb, 11 Feb, Half Term Break 25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar, 18 Mar, 25 Mar TMMP Band Times:

2pm to 5pm TMMP Band Ages: 8 yrs - 11 yrs. Spaces available.

TMMP Music Production Dates: 8 Jan, 15 Jan, 22 Jan, 5 Feb, 12 Feb, Half Term Break

26 Feb. 5 Mar. 12 Mar. 19 Mar. 26 Mar.

TMMP Music Production Times:

TMMP Music Production Ages: 11yrs - 18 yrs. Spaces available.

QUEENS CRESCENT STREET ART PROJECT:

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

Location: HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE Times: 10am to 2pm

Dates: TBC

Ages: 10 yrs to 18 yrs. Limited Spaces Available

FASHION DESIGN, ILLUSTRATION, CONCEPT:

Location: HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

Times: 4pm to 6pm Dates: TUESDAYS After School ~ 10 Jan, 17 Jan, 24 Jan, 31 Jan, 7 Feb SATURDAY 18 Feb - A trip to the V&A MUSEUM TUESDAYS After School – 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 14 Mar, 21 Mar Ages: 10 yrs to 18 yrs

To Enrol on our courses please visit:

www.hvharts.org/courses























STREET PHOTOGRAPHY:

with professional photographer Debbi Clark
This workshop is to work with professional photographer
Debbi Clark using professional cameras donated by
Olympus using professional lenses to create street style
photography.

Location: HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE Times: Midday to 3pm Dates: Sat 14th January

Ages: 10 - 18 yrs. 10 Places Available

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: with professional photographer Debbi Clark This workshop is designed for our art and photography scholars. We will be working on educational skills in art

OILS/ACRYLICS/WATERCOLOURS on canvas: with prolific NYC artist LEE MATTHEWS
Lee Matthews will be back at HvH ARTS gallery, to teach our young people the art of drawing, painting and collage. This workshop is designed to teach young people the art of drawing, painting and collage. This workshop is designed to teach young people the different textures of paint, sketching and

Location: HvH ARTS, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

Dates: Sun 15th January

10 places available. Photography Scholars - Ages: 12 - 21 yrs

Location: HvH ARTS, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

Dates: Sat 21st January

HALF TERM: 13th - 17th February 2023

ILLUSTRATION BOOK PROJECT
with Artist in residence TRISHA KRAUSS
We'll be continuing our book project, we have been
designing our own liberations to resonate with a book of
poems created by the property of the property of

Location: HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

Dates: 13, 14, 15 February

ILLUSTRATE AND CREATE YOUR OWN ALBUM

Location: HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE Dates: 16th and 17th February Ages: 5 - 18 yrs

FASHION/COLLAGE DESIGN WORKSHOP: with prolific fashion designer Melanie Press Run by Melanie Press, Fashion Designer from PRESS in Primose Hill. Melanie has very kindly offered to teach our young people the art of creating their own 'croquie' as template from which they work on to design their own the fashion World – meaning a sketch – a template from which they work on to design their own fabulous ideas. We will then choose their favourite design and create a sample in the workshop.

ocation: HvH ARTS Gallery, 44 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

Dates: TBC for March
Register your interest by email: courses@hvharts.org

EVENTS at HvH ARTS

10 January – Ticketed Jazz Concert in association with Ronnie Scotts Fund Raising Event: 7.30pm - late HvH ARTS ANNUAL EXHIBITION - TBA shortly

Performance by our TMMP Live Band TBA

SCREENING OF OUR SHORT FILM 'Mixed Messages' - a film by our 'McCrory Award' recipients - date TBA!

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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

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.

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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



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: www.bookmarkreading.org/volunteerf2f

Term Dates for this Academic Year...

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM

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

SPRING TERM

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

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 18 th April 2023	
May Day Bank Holiday	Day Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023 - school closed	
Additional Bank Holiday	oliday Monday 8 th May 2023 – school closed	
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd 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 st half term	Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September 2022	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
2 nd half term			Monday 5 th 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.

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







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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



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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



Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Webinar Series for Parents/Carers of Primary School aged Children and Secondary School aged Young People

The MHST are pleased to offer parents/carers a series of workshops to support their children's well-being.

The remaining webinars this term are listed below.

Each workshop will last up to 60 minutes and have an optional follow-up of 30 minutes for parents/carers to ask questions or discuss the topic further.

Parents and carers can opt in for all topics, or whichever most appeals to them.

Parents and carers can register for any of the webinars through Eventbrite for free at:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-parent-and-carer-webinar-series-2022-2023-tickets-415252660887

Or please scan the QR code to the right using your mobile phone's camera:

Webinar topic	Intended Parent Audience	Date	Time
Screen-time	Primary & Secondary	Friday 10 th February	12pm - 13.00 Q and A: 13.00 to 13.30
Understanding adolescent development	Secondary	Friday 24 th February	12pm – 13.00 Q and A: 13.00-13.30
Having therapeutic conversations with your child	Primary & Secondary	Friday 3 rd March	12pm – 13.00 Q and A: 13.00-13.30
Supporting childhood wor- ries	Primary & Secondary	Friday 10 th March	12pm – 13.00 Q and A: 13.00-13.30
Anxiety in Adolescence	Secondary	Friday 17 th March	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Gender identity	Secondary	Friday 24 th March	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30





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

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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







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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



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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

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.



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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.











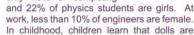


Why are they bad for everyone?

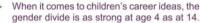
Gender stereotypes can limit children's choices, behaviour, aspirations and even achievement. They are bad for individuals and for society. They steer girls and boys in different directions – feeding different subject choices, different job options and even different health outcomes.

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.



Health and mental health:

In childhood, boys learn not to show their feelings except through anger. Boys are 6 times 'You cry

like a girl

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.

Booke:

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.



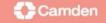
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Everyone needs a little help sometimes. If you're feeling worried about your child, or you want to make a change in your life, Camden Early Help is here for you, your children and your whole family.

- 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.

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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



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.

Co-ordinators Someone to have

Early Help

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.

