Please see Page 5 for the annual questionnaire and make some time to fill it in. Page 39 has the latest parent information sheet from National College—this week provides information on setting boundaries around gaming.. Page 65 has information on a Childcare course great for anyone who is thinking of working with children and also a Camden adult & community learning information session at Rhyl. Camden music holiday courses on page 25 and Camjam music on Saturday mornings page 26. Please see page 13 for information on applying for reception places. Page 37 for information on flu jab clinics if you missed these in school. Emotion coaching please see page 33. A new ADHD and Autism website has been launched please see page 31-32 for details. ESOL open days at Rhyl Community Primary school please see page 16 for details. See p57-58 for details on HAF Winter courses. Camden's newly launch Imagination library & Events and activities from Camden's children's centre and family hubs page 61. . Please take some time to fill out the quick form below and nominate the PTA every nomination is appreciated! Camden family hubs are hosting some festive events see page 60 for details. Camden early help Cygnet autism support see page 17 for information. A thank you from the PTA on page 6. Please do take time to look through the whole newsletter—especially if you haven't done so for a while as there is so much available to both you and your children across Camden. We're sure you will find something of use whether that be a drop is sessions, a club, or information. there is so much on offer in Camden from the Council and other local community groups.

Thank you!

Please take one minute to fill this simple & quick form to nominate Fleet Parents Association charity (charity number 1170133) to win £1000 for the school

https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity

Morning Snacks—Fruit only please

hall to be collected after school). Thank you.

Please can you ensure that if your child is bringing in a morning snack to have at playtime that is restricted to a piece of fruit. Any other food items should be kept to have with their lunch and any packaging disposed of in the dining room (or if in Tupperware left on the trolley in the

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- Reception school place information page 13

Online learning resources and homework

- Mathletics: <u>login.mathletics.com</u> 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
- 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. Other Homework for most classes will be delivered via Google Classroom.

19th December Last day of term—2pm finish

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

19th March	Spring term—whole school tea after school
9th July	Summer term—whole school tea after school

YEAR 1 2024-25

16th December	Infant Christmas party
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RECEPTION 2024-25

16th December	Infant Christmas party
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YEAR 2 2024-25

16th December	Infant Christmas party
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YEAR 3 2024-25

11th December	Junior Christmas Show
15th December	Trip to the Zoo
18th December	Christmas party

YEAR 4 2024-25

11th December	Junior Christmas Show
12th December	Fleet treat
18th December	Christmas party

YEAR 5 2024-25

11th December	Junior Christmas Show
18th December	Christmas party

YEAR 6 2024-25

11th December	Junior Christmas Show
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Monday 5th Jan 2026



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-2026

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First day of term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025
Last day of term	Friday 19 th December 2025 – close at 2pm

SPRING TERM

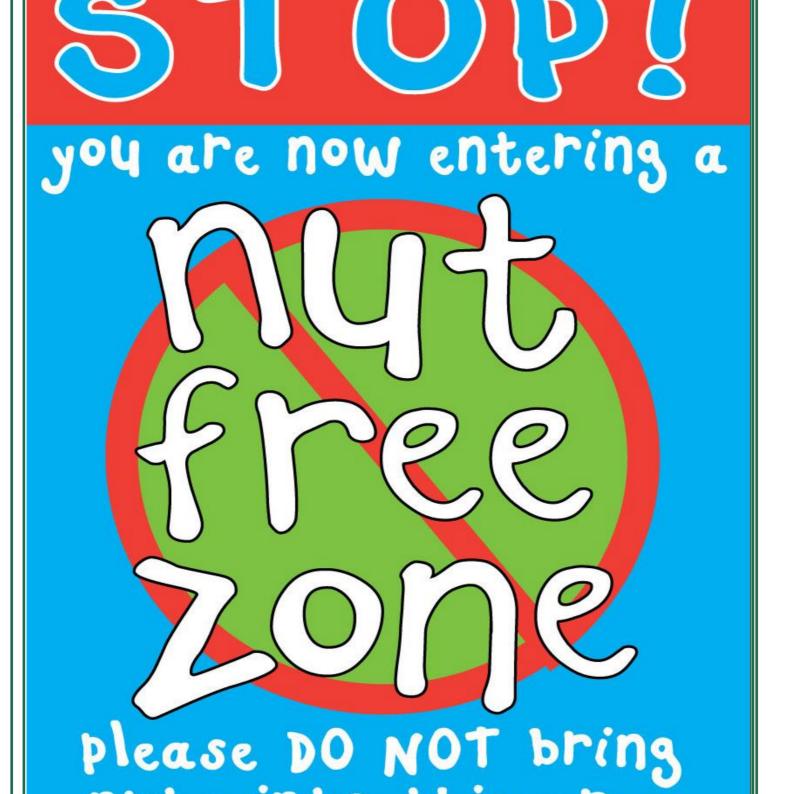
First day of term	Tuesday 6 th January 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026
Last day of term	Friday 27 th March 2026 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 14 th April 2026	
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026 - school closed	
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	
Last day of term	Friday 17 th July 2026 – close at 2pm	

STAFF INSET DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026
2 nd half term			Monday 20 th July 2026



cifically to gain your opinions to help us plan our support to you more effectively at the end.

We really appreciate your time and feedback to help us make the best decisions we can as a school and community resource.

Thank you and best wishes

Don McGibbon Executive Head Teacher.

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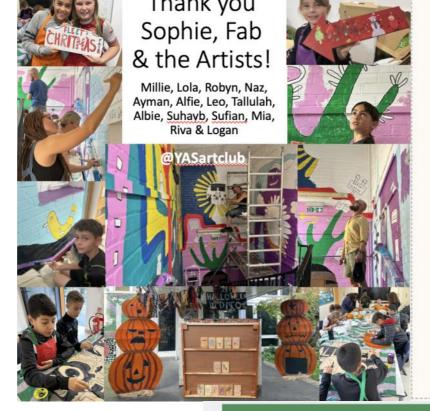
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Year 5 <u>https://</u>

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TO ALL THE **TEACHERS** AND **STAFF**FOR THE WONDERFUL PARENTS/CARERS

SOPHIE ROSCOE

FAB NICOLA

JOHN MARINA

DARREN KRISTIE

FAYE TIBERIUS

ABRA NASREEN

KOMAL ALI

JANGIRA SUHAN

ABDUL SHERA

SUZAN LOUIS

AND EVERY ONE OF YOU THAT HELPED,

NOT FORGETTING THE CHILDREN WHO ALSO

PUT A SHIFT IN!

A massive thank you to Sophie, Fab and Make it, Mend it Fix it club, for such wonderful props! They made for a christmassy warm and welcoming entrance to the fair!

Aswell as the perfect picture oppurtunity. Hope you all got to appreciate them as

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Delivering universal free school meals (UFSM) in London's primary schools has been one of my proudest achievements. I am delighted that all primary school children in state-funded schools will continue to receive free school meals for as long as I am Mayor.

Over the last two academic years, I have seen first-hand the transformative impact of this important intervention, ensuring that no child goes hungry and giving all children the best possible chance to succeed.

At a time when the cost of living is still so high, I hope this program has offered some financial relief to your family – potentially saving parents and carers over £500 per year per child. It is hugely encouraging to see research show that UFSM in London are also improving nutrition, behaviour, concentration, energy levels and parent-school relationships.

Even though your child will continue receiving free school meals automatically, it remains vitally important to register for the Government's free school meals if you meet the criteria.

This will ensure you receive other benefits you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays. It could also bring the school an extra £1,480 in funding per child. That is more money for extra-curricular activities, teacher development, and support for children who need it most.

Please visit https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals or speak to your school for further information on how to register.

I am immensely proud that we have funded over 70 million free school meals to date, with hundreds of thousands of London's primary school children benefitting every day. I know this is just one part of the help families need to support their families.

I will continue to do all I can to support Londoners of all backgrounds, as we build a fairer, better and healthier London for everyone.





Don't let your child miss out - every school day counts

Attending regularly is vital for your child's happiness and success in school.

We know that pupils with good school attendance – of 95% or more – are far more likely to achieve the expected level in their primary school tests at age 11 and go onto gain good passes in their GCSEs at age 16.

Every day your child is not in classes means they're less likely than their classmates to do well in school.

We know that most parents and carers make sure their children attend regularly. However, we also know absence rates in Camden are higher than we would like.

Please support your child to go to school regularly. If you need help or advice, please speak to your child's school.

has launched its Moments Matter Attendance counts campaign this month. The government is very concerned about the number of pupils who are missing school, and they are asking council's attendance services and schools to help support children return to school.

Camden council has appointed three new School Inclusion Support Officers to help support schools improve attendance and reduce suspensions / exclusions by ensuring children and young people who are absent from education or at risk of suspension/exclusion receive appropriate interventions and support to enable them to achieve positive educational outcomes.

Our School Inclusion Support officer is Ms. Alison Ellis, and she will be visiting us in the coming weeks and some parents may be invited to meet with the School Inclusion Support Officer to discuss the reason for poor attendance and what we can do to help your child to return to school.

We know that children who attend school regularly and on time are more able to access their learning, get support in subjects they may struggle with and have a better chance of passing their exams.

We know as a parent you also worry about your child's future, and we want to work with you to ensure every pupil at Fleet has a full-time education to maximise opportunities for everyone to realise their potential.

Being a parent is not easy if you need talk to someone about your child's attendance, please contact me on: alison.ellis@camden.gov.uk

It is never too late to benefit from good attendance.





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every time you shop online

Find us on easyfundraising.org.uk

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

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











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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.







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.

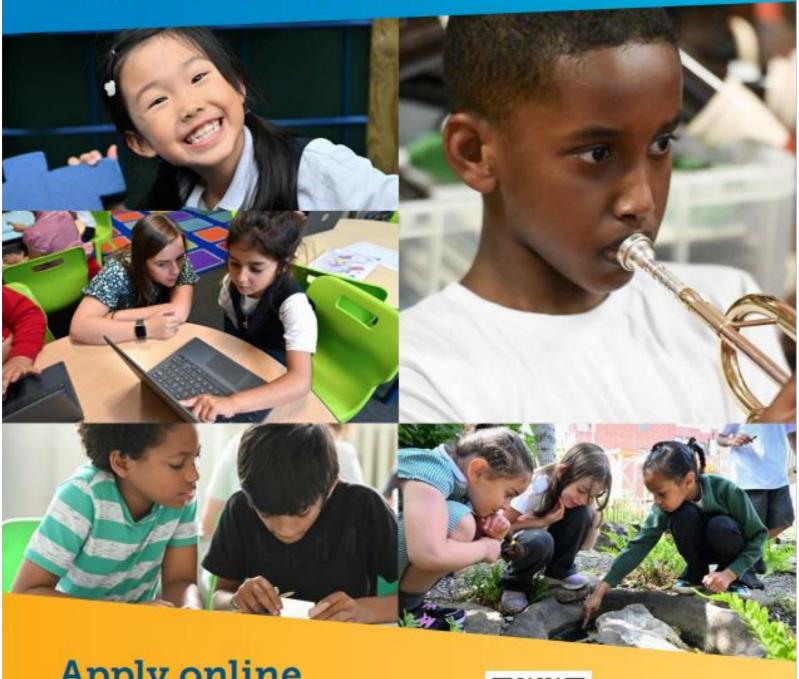
Instructions for Parents



- 1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
- 2. Create yourself an account.



Applying for primary school places between September 2026 and July 2027



Apply online

www.eadmissions.org.uk







Please help local adults and children living in food poverty at Christmas. In the year to March 2025 Trussell food banks gave out 2.9 million crisis food parcels, over 1 million of these emergency food parcels were given out to children. With food inflation up by over 37% since 2020, many local people have fallen into prolonged hardship. In 2024 Camden Foodbank supported over 6,100 people with emergency parcels.

Please can you help by donating targeted food or money to support local people in food crisis this Christmas?



URGENT FOODITEMS

- · Tinned Meat and Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- · Tinned Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- · Pasta Rice
- · Pasta Sauce
- · Baked Beans
- Long Life Juice
- · Long Life Milk
- Tea. Coffee and Sugar
- · Cooking Oil
- · Cereal
- · Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- · Soap & Shower Gel
- Washing Up Liquid
- Laundry Powder
- · Christmas Biscuits, Cake
- Christmas Chocolate
- Kids Presents

· DONATE MONEY THROUGH JUSTGIVING

https://Checkout.justgiving.com/c/3445418

100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank Please select GIFT AID which will increase your donation.



FOR CHEQUES / DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER DONATION

https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/donate-money

DONATE FOOD IN PERSON

DAY	TIME OPEN	ADDRESS
Tuesday & Friday	11:30am - 3pm	Carnden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD
Sunday	10am - 12pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD
Everyday	8am - 10pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street London NW1 0JN
Everyday	8am - 10pm	Wesley Euston Hotel, 81-103 Euston Street London NW1 2EZ
Thursday	10am - 6pm	St Mary-le-Savoy with St George German Lutheran Church, Sandwich Street London WC1H 9PL
Sunday	10am - 4pm	St Mary-le-Savoy with St George German Lutheran Church, Sandwich Street London WC1H 9PL

DONATE BY ONLINE SHOPPING

DAY	TIMEOPEN	ADDRESS
Tuesday &	11:30am -	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews
Friday	2:30pm	London NW1 0AD

You can help by donating Food or Money

CAMDEN FOODBANK is closed for Christmas from 23° December 2025 and reopens on 9° January 2026



Do you...

- worry about your spelling or reading skills?
- wish to get a job but your English needs to improve?
- wish to help your children with their homework but you can't?

English For All will make your English skills stronger, increase your confidence, enable you to help your children with their English homework and increase your job opportunities.

Come to our FREE English For All course at Rhyl Community Primary School with WMC tutors. Starting Tuesday 15 September 9.30am-12pm For more information, contact our friendly team.

Contact Zara Lee at:

Phone: 020 7485 1947

Community NW54AX Primary School Information and enrolment on **Thursday 27 November Thursday 4 December Grafton Road site** 9 - 10am You may need to show evidence of UK residency and evidence of any benefits (if applicable) if you are a new student. Limited spaces available Speak to Zara or the school office if you are able to attend. Classes begin in



Camden Early Help

Cygnet Autism Support

Cygnet is a support programme for parents and carers of autistic children and young people aged 5-18.

What are the aims of Cygnet?

- · To empower parents/carers.
- · To increase understanding of the strengths and challenges associated with
- · To increase parents' confidence in understanding their child's behaviour and offering the right support.

The Cyanet programme is run by two Camden professionals who have experience and knowledge of autism.

What topics does Cygnet cover?

- An Introduction To Autism
- · Overview Of Parent/Carer Experiences
- · Thinking And Sensory
- · Social Interaction
- Communication
- · Understanding And Supporting Behaviour

How does Cygnet Work?

Prior to starting the Cygnet course, Early Help professionals will contact you to find out a bit more about you and your family. You will also be asked to complete some questionnaires. In Camden, the Cygnet course will run for 6-8 weeks. The Spring Term dates are below.

Venue:

Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

Dates:

8 weeks, starting on 20.01.2026 (excluding half

Timings: 9.45am-12.15pm

In order to complete the course, you will need to attend a minimum of the 6 core Cygnet sessions. We can support you to attend, including with travel, childcare and interpreting. After finishing the Cygnet course, you will be asked to complete some questionnaires and an evaluation. You will also be provided with a certificate.

Please note: We can allocate a maximum of two places per family but parents/carers must commit to attending every week. Priority may be given to parents/carers who have not attended a Cygnet course before.

"Fantastic! Really enjoyable and helpful!"

"Our biggest problems are related to behaviour so understanding our son's behaviour properly is a very big step!"

"This has given me the tools to help with my child's communication"

"I can now identify my child's sensory issues and have an idea of practical strategies"

"The support of other group members is really valuable"

"All aspects of the course were really helpful

"It was really helpful to listen and learn from others, and to realise that we're not on our

Sign up

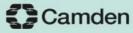
Request a referral form: ReferralsFamiliesIn Focus@camden.gov.uk

Attending a Cygnet programme?
Under the Employment Act 2002 (parental leave), parents of disabled children are entitled to 18 weeks' unpaid leave to care for their children.

If you would like to attend a programme and are currently in employment, you may wish to talk through this legislation with your employer, to enable you to have time off to attend Cygnet.

For further information, please refer to the Working Families website: www.workingfamilies.org.uk or telephone 0800 013 0313







Open to all children and young people. No experience is needed!



Rehearsals are at the Crowndale Centre each Saturday morning starting on 1 March 2025.

09:30 to 10:15 am - Training Steel Band (Pupils in Year 4 to 6)

10:30 to 11:30 am - Camden Youth Steel Band (Secondary aged pupils)

£66.70 per term (help is available for those eligible for free school meals).

Scan the QR code below to register



Why Learn Steel Pan Music?

Cultural Enrichment: Discover the rich history and vibrant culture of steel pan music.

Musical Skills: Develop rhythm, coordination, and musicality.

Teamwork: Enhance your ability to work as part of a group.

Confidence: Build self-esteem through

performance and practice.

Fun and Engaging: Join a unique and

enjoyable musical experience.







Music lessons at Fleet School

- Piano, Drum kit, Woodwind (recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone)
- Lessons take place during the school day
- Hire an instrument from Camden Music Service, or buy an instrument at a reduced rate

Getting started is easy!

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



Or scan the QR code





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





Have fun learning to play the piano at Fleet School

- Lessons take place during the school day
- Suitable for children in Years 2 6
- Buy an instrument at a reduced rate

Getting started is easy!

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

Or scan the QR code above

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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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 being able to orier 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 – camden.gov.uk

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 Tuition 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

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

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.







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

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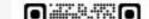


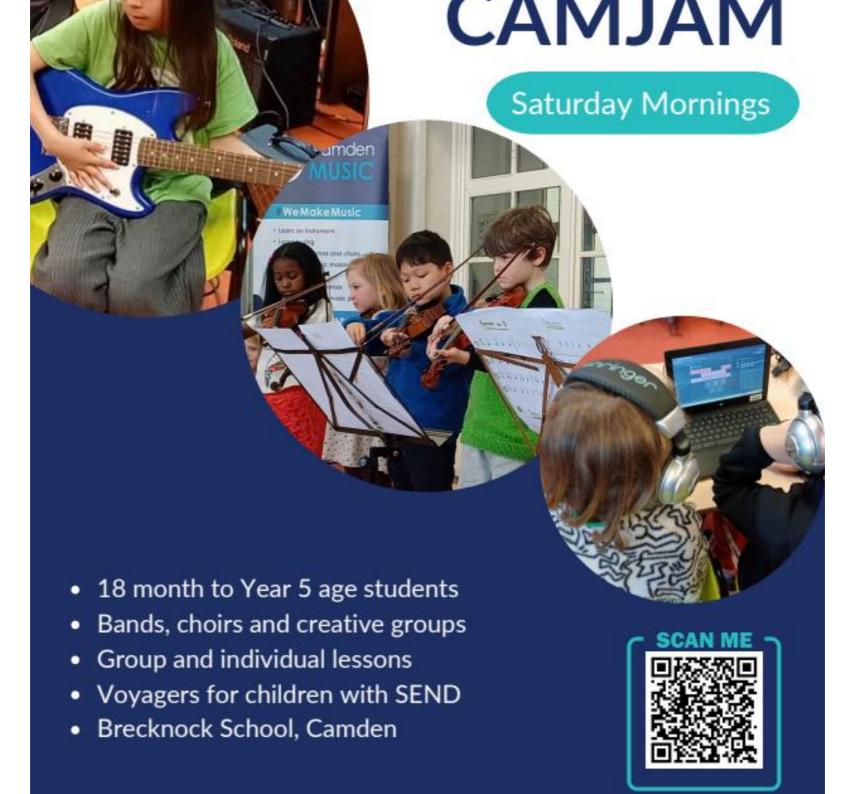
Holiday Courses

Come and experience Camden Holiday Courses!

- · Primary and Secondary Groups
- · Wind, brass, percussion, guitars, strings and voices
- From two terms of learning to advanced players
- . The three courses lead to a performance at a major Camden Venue

Scan the QR Code to register







Storytime, in their language

Kids can now enjoy thousands of picture books in 65+ languages, with English translations.

Available in libraries, schools and at home!

- Visit your library website to learn more.
 Or find your library at www.lote4kids.com.
 Or download the free LOTE4Kids App.
- 2. Login using your library card number or access code.3. Find a book, in your language, and enjoy!























Camden Language and Communication Service (CLCS)

Do you have concerns about a child's speech, language and/or communication?

Speech and Language Therapy Advice Line:

If you are a parent/carer or professional in Camden book a phone call with one of our Speech and Language Therapists:



Call: 020 3772 0390 (please leave a message)
Email: whh-tr.camsltclcs@nhs.net

The Speech and Language Therapy team in Camden will be running parent workshops



If you are concerned about your child's speech, language and communication skills and your child attends a school in Camden or you live in Camden, you can sign up for one of our workshops

To find out more information and book a workshop click on this link:

https://forms.office.com/e/Ch2BE9NBUi or use the QR code:



AUTUMN TERM Calendar 2025

Welcome to our AUTUMN Term Calendar of events, workshops and meetings for any parent, carer in Camden with a child or young person (0- 25 years) with special needs. Whether you are seeking guidance, looking to share your experiences or simply hoping to connect with other parents or carers, our calendar has something for everyone. Please join us!

Coffee Mornings are a chance to meet other parents for a chat & to share advice and info.

Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.

Workshops are held each term jointly with other services and agencies on various subjects.

Forum Meetings are when we get together as parents with different professionals from services in and around Camden – ask questions, get updates and give feedback.

If you would like to attend any of the events on our calendar below, request a zoom link for our online workshops, find out more information or to join our membership and receive regular updates directly - please get in touch:

CamdenPCF@kids.org.uk Our main email address
Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662
Charlene.Murphy@kids.org.uk Text or Call Charlene on 07711 767 258
Jade.Green@kids.org.uk. Text or Call Jade on 07825 671 523

We are also on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum Twitter @CamdenSPForum and IG @CamdenPCF Please do connect with us!

November

4 Tue	Tour of Charlie Ratchford Court (Extra care scheme) 11am-12pm, Chalk farm - Registration required
11 Tue	Forum meeting, 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
17 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm, @ Hampstead Heath.
18 Tue	Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH.
24 Mon	Understanding and Managing Behaviour Workshop with CAMHS all ages, 11:45am-1pm Online register for link.
26 Wed	Parent Carer Forum Breakfast Club, 10:30am-11:30am @ Agar Children's centre & Family Hub (NW1 9SU).

December

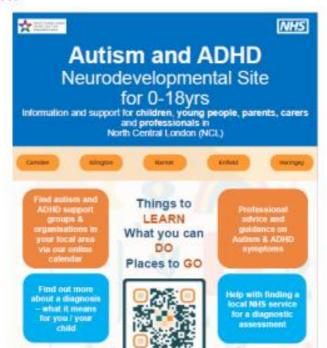
1 Mon	'Lunch and Learn' with the Forum Team, 12.30-1.30pm Online register for link.
2 Tue	Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH
3 Wed	Annual Review Workshop with SENDIASS, 10.30am-12:30pm @Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
8 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm, @ Hampstead Heath.
9 Tue	Forum winter wind down, 12pm-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.

A new ADHD and Autism website has been developed to improve and enhance the support available for children and families across North Central London (NCL). Specifically created for children and young people (CYP), as well as their families and professionals working with them, this pioneering website is the first of its kind for the area.

The site was co-produced with young people, parent/carers and professionals across the five North London boroughs. The idea behind its creation was to help users to easily find information local to them, such as NHS assessment services, psychoeducation and pre- and post-diagnostic support online and in their area, and to find support in **one convenient location**. Young people can search for organisations suitable to their needs, and parent/carers can access the live online calendar to look for drop-ins, training sessions and many more events – connecting people to their community.

This site acts as a central resource, delivering information and guidance on education, wellbeing, communication, self-care, and family support services, bringing together a wide range of support options throughout NCL. It is a cornerstone of NCL's commitment to accessible, equitable, and high-quality neurodevelopmental care. Visit the site today at Autism and ADHD support in NCL | Waiting Room or by scanning the QR code on the accompanying leaflet.

The site is part of the NCL Waiting Room and has been designed to provide comprehensive and user-friendly resources.



for 0-18yrs

Information and support for children, young people, parents, carers and professionals in North Central London (NCL)

Camden

Islington

Barnet

Enfield

Haringey

Find autism and ADHD support groups & organisations in your local area via our online calendar

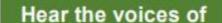
Find out more about a diagnosis – what it means for you / your child Things to
LEARN
What you can
DO
Places to GO



Professional advice and guidance on Autism & ADHD symptoms

Help with finding a local NHS service for a diagnostic assessment

Downloadable



This is a two-part workshop; both sessions need to be attended

The workshop is interactive, a mixture of discussion, reflection & presentation

The workshop aims to support parent/carers to understand and validate their child's emotions, respond more helpfully during moments of heightened emotions, and implement appropriate boundary setting

Sign up with the QR code below:







Improve your knowledge about how to deal with minor accidents and illnesses!

Work together to share good practice and learn simple first aid skills that can make the difference in an emergency.

Every Thursday Starting 25th September Time- 1:00pm-3:00pm

Rhyl Community Primary School Rhyl Street NW5 3HB

For more information speak to Zara or call Alison 07876 651950 or just come along.

 People aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed (as defined in tables 3 and 4 of the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book)

To find out more about the winter booster campaign and eligibility please visit: https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/ or you can call 111 to get help

You can get the free NHS flu vaccine if you are:

- Aged 65 and over
- Pregnant women
- Aged 6 months to under 65 years in a clinical risk group (as defined in the Green Book, Influenza chapter 19)
- Residents in long-stay care homes
- Carers or those in receipt of carer's allowance
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Frontline health and social care workers without

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Ask your GP or nurse for an MMR veccine without park ingredients if you need it.

There are two brands of MMR vaccine in the UK – MMR VaxPro and Priorix. MMR VaxPro contains pork gelatine and Priorix does not.

If your child needs an MMR vaccine without pork ingredients, tell your doctor or nurse and they will be given a Priorix vaccine.



camden.gov.uk/measles



Is your child fully vaccinated against measles?

Measles cases are increasing in London

What is measles?

Measles is a very contagious disease that can make kids seriously unwell if they're not fully vaccinated. Measles is also very serious in pregnancy and for people with weakened immune systems.

There is no cure for measles and it can lead to complications like prieumonia and in rare cases can lead to long term disability or death.

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Measles symptoms

- Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later.
- The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body.
- The rash looks brown or red on white skin. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin.



The MMR vaccine is safe and effective

Two doses of the measies, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is the only protection against the most severe forms of measies. The vaccine also offers protection against mumps and rubella. It is safe and effective and always free for everyone on the NHS.

MMR vaccinations are needed at age.



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3 years and 4 months

If your child has missed either or both of these vaccines, it's not too late to catch up.

Getting a free MMR vaccine

 Check if your child is up to date with their measies vaccinations by looking in their Red Book (or vaccine record).
 If you're not sure, contact your GP to book a free vaccine appointment. IVI

WE OFFER THE MMR VACCINE TO ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED 2 DOSES



Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter! Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE. **GELATINE-FREE** injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.



Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/camden

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM



camden@v-uk.co.uk



0204 603 3495

Need more information? Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.



If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming - and what they're actually playing - can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people with parents and carers

helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.



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ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

elp your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than morathan sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of rater or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for the character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of houndars will not each belower child houndars will not each belower child. undary will not only help your child manage their expectations but will

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

ENJOY GAMING

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undersibly, some young games may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tosts might be useful. If they love Minecraft, choose something to build together, if Fortnite's their favourities, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

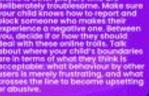
TALK ABOUT **EMOTIONS**

their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when goming

BE PREPARED





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Help a child learn to read

This year our school is working with Bookmark, a children's literacy charity that links schools with volunteers to provide children with extra reading support.

You can help a child develop the reading skills and confidence they need for a fair chance in life. Two hours a week, for 12 weeks.

As a Bookmark volunteer, you'll help your community and make a huge difference to a child.

SIGN UP TODAY



bookmarkreading.org/ volunteerf2f

Registered Charity No. 117768

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



School Maths Volunteers

- One-to-one weekly sessions
- Working with Year 2 and Year 3



Would you enjoy...



- helping children improve their confidence in maths?
- using games and activities to make maths fun?

Are you...

available one afternoon a week during school hours?

Contact Lorraine for more information:

- o lorraine@numberchampions.org.uk
- **©** 07918 410 847



SOME OF THE GROUPS LOCALLY AVAILABLE TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Camden Family Learning

Tales and Tumbles

Free Fun Sessions for Parent/Carers, Babies and Toddlers with Singing, Yoga and Stories

Every Thursday at Queens Crescent Library 1:30pm-2:45pm Starting 1st May

Please note these sessions are term time only

For more information call Alison on 07876 651950 or just show up

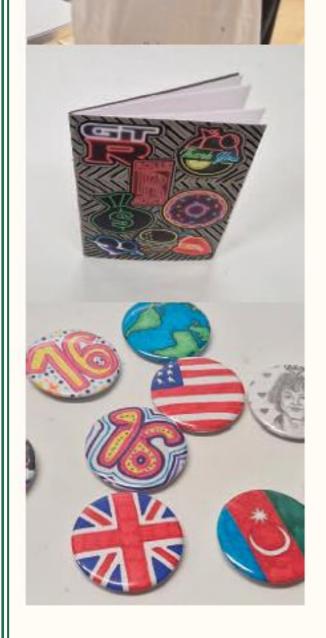


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Join us at our arty little wellbeing space. A calmer social place for 12-18 year olds. Bridging the gap between school and the weekend. We have art materials and workshops, books and graphic novels, free refreshments, retro board games... A space to relax, catch up on homework, chat and eat noodles! Register with us, using the form on the back then find us in the gym room on Friday afternoons.

Text or email Li for our monthly programme: 07523 533490 li@creativehealthcamden.com

Every Friday from January 10th 2025 Fridays 4pm - 5.30pm - doors open from 3.30pm

www.creativehealthcamden.com

FREE BOXING CLASSES

CAMPEN-ACTIVITY PROGRAM

THURS DAYS

5PM



CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS OLD

VENUE: STEVE SMITH HALL PEABODY - CUMBERLAND MARKET REDHILL STREET NW1 4AX

EMAIL FOR WEEKLY SIGN UP FORM AND REGISTRATION INFO: INFO@TREASUREBOXINGCLUB.COM



Lessons and Courses

We offer a huge range of quality swimming lessons and courses suitable for children of all ages.

Swimming is a vital life skill that everyone should have. We offer Swimbies classes for babies from 3 months – 4 years, Adult and child classes which are suitable for under 4s as well as Foundation and Development Classes for over 4s. Weekly classes run in each of the following centres.

Kentish Town, Swiss Cottage and Pancras Square.

Book your place at www.better.org.uk/lessons

Junior Gym

Junior gym is dedicated sessions where teens and older children aged between 11-17 years can access the gym and get active, junior members also get inclusive access to swimming.

Centre	Times		
	Weekdays: 11:00-13:00 & 15:00-		
Kentish Town	17:30		
	Saturday: 13:00-15:00		
Swiss Cottage	Sunday: 14:00 - 16:00		
	Weekday: 9:00 to 18:00		
	Weekends: 9:00 to 17:00		
Pancras Square	Monday-Sunday: 10:00 - 12:30		

Memberships

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Swim For All

Available Monday - Sunday

Enjoy a swim with your child during our Swim for All sessions at Swiss Cottage, Kentish Town, Pancras Square and Oasis.

Public swimming times may vary please view your local pool programme

www.better.org.uk/bookings



Soft Play

Monday - Sunday

With multi-layered climbing frames, colourful ball pits and elaborate mazes, our soft play areas are certain to keep young ones busy.

Talacre Community Sports Centre (under/over 5s): <u>09:00</u> to <u>18:00</u> (Weekdays) and <u>9:00 to 13:45</u> (Weekends)

Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre (under/over 2s):

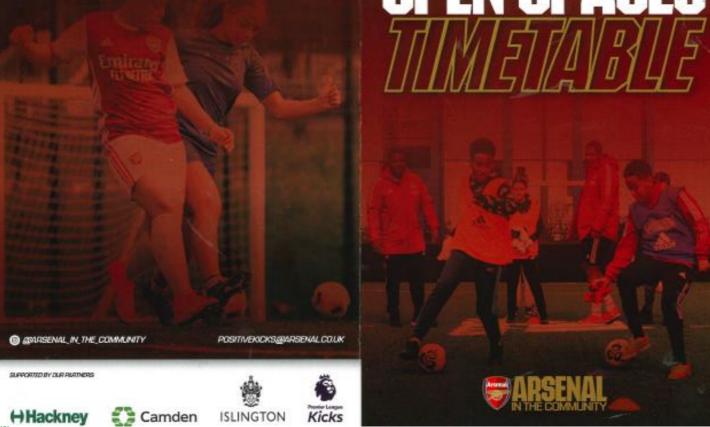
<u>09:00 to 19:00</u> (Weekdays) and <u>08:30 – 16:30</u> (Saturday)

8:30 - 15:00 (Sunday).

Age	Non- member	Standard member	Concession member
Under 5s & 2s	£7.50	£5.40	£2.70
Over 5s & 2s	£8.80	£6.15	£3.20

Contact Us: Pancras Square: pancras.square@gll.org

Kentish Town: kentishtown@gll.org





OPEN SPACES





THE SESSIONS BELOW ARE ALL FREE OF CHARGE AND OFFER A SAFE. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENJOY SPORT.

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William Tyndale	14-18 yrs	Girls Only	N12DL	5.30pm	7.30pm		
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COMMUNITY SESSION	AGE GROUP	TYPE	POSTCODE	START	END		
Arts and Media School	8-11 yrs	Girls Only	N43QL	9.00am	10.15am		
Arts and Media School	11-16 yrs	Girls Only		10.20am	11.45pm		
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better way to learn magic, build confidence and meet new friends.

Members also receive our bi-monthly magazine, 'Secrets', packed with tricks, reviews and interviews, together with access to the online archive featuring hundreds of back issues!





The Young Magicians Club is a youth initiative of The Magic Circle, the most famous magic club in the world.

It's the number one place for 10-18 year olds who are interested in magic to learn, build confidence and meet new friends.

For over 25 years, the Young Magicians Club has used its vast knowledge, experience and connections within the industry to teach, encourage and inspire the magicians of the future.

Members who choose to graduate to The Magic Circle when they reach 18 years old receive audition advice and special discounts.

HOW POIN

Annual Membership from just £30

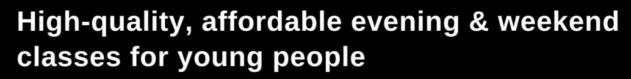
One-off Joining Fee £20

Welcome pack includes: Certificate, Badge, Membership Card, Exclusive YMC Notebook & Pen, Extra Magazine and over £50 worth of magic tricks!









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Performing Arts Creative & Digital Arts

| Dance | Animation

Drama | Art & Design

| Singing | Filmmaking

Age

4 - 30



JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING CLUB

Age 7 to 15 Years old Boys and Girls

Every Sunday 11:00 to 1:00 PM



11 to 12 Girls Only 12 to 1 PM Mixed

Starting From 2nd February 2025



Maria Fidelis Catholic School
1-39 Drummond Crescent
NW1 1LY







- DBS Certified Coaching staff
- ECB level 2 Qualified Coaches
- Female Coahing staff for Girls

Mobile: 07717765932, 07464592776

Email: unitedsportingclub@hotmail.com

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Location: Royal Free Recreation Club

Fleet Road NW3 2QG

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DATE

Thursdays



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REGISTER NOW



MATCH PLAY ONLY

EVERY THURSDAY 🟵



Has your child ever wished they could turn up to football training and just play matches? Well look no further because now your child's wish has come true! We will be running a brand new weekly football class that is solely focused on the children playing matches. What more could they ask for? Come along and give it a go.

BOOK NOW FOR A FREE TASTER CLASS

- Match Play Only!
- 3v3 | 4v4 | 5v5 Tournaments
- Player Of The Month & Termly Awards
- Organised Friendly Matches With Local Clubs

EVERY THURSDAY - DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME SESSION TIME: 4:30 - 5:30 PM

New Scout Group

Opening in Camden
Castlehaven Community Association

Scouts rise up to the challenge and give it a go.!

We get up to all sorts such as hiking, camping, jumping, swimming and exploring! We also have our own adventures indoors with our fellow Scouters and learn new skills whilst having fun as a team and challenging ourselves!



4 - 6 year olds Monday's: 4:30-5:30pm



6 - 8 year olds Monday's: 6-7pm



8 - 10.5 year olds Monday's: 7-8:30pm



10.5 - 14 year olds Friday's - coming soon





Sign up by scanning the QR code and find out what gets you're
Young Person ticking at our Scout Sessions!
From a bug hunt outdoors through to braving a jump off some
high ropes!







website for children.

Discover experiments, activities and quizzes that spark wonder about the world and how it works.

Jump inside our labs and start exploring.

kids.crick.ac.uk



Bring your Spring topics to life



Smart Tech, Safe Choices

Drama workshops to equip children in a digital world

Our drama-based workshops equip children with skills and knowledge which allow them to safely navigate the digital world, bringing common scenarios to life using acting, role-play and improvisation.

- Online privacy and passwords
- Gaming, creating content, streaming, sharing and browsing
- Understanding the dangers of cyber bullying
- Keeping yourself and others safe from scams online
- The impact of AI and how to use AI safely and responsibly

perform.org.uk/esafety

"Caitlin was an excellent facilitator. She was engaging and the children enjoyed working with her. They left the session with a better understanding of staying



Chinese New Year

Discover the magic of one of the world's oldest and most vibrant festivals!

Join us on a journey to Beijing as we celebrate Chinese New Year and the Jade Emperor's Birthday through story, song, movement and role-play. We'll experience:

- The Great Zodiac Race learn the ancient story by becoming each of the 12 animals
- Cultural Discovery explore Chinese traditions, customs, and language
- Dragon Dance Creation work in groups or as a whole class to bring a lively dragon parade to life
- Expressive Storytelling use emotion, imagination and character to make the story sparkle

perform.org.uk/chinesenewyear

"The children loved the workshops, educational and so much fun. Laura was engaging, friendly and



Celebrate World Book Day

Bring the magic of your favourite stories to life

Let us take your children on a fantastic fictional journey to celebrate World Book Day, Our trained actors will bring the magic of a story to life through acting, character role-play and improvisation. We cover popular books across EYFS, KSI and KS2. We will:

- Use improvisation to bring your favourite literature to life and lift the words off the page
- Boost story telling and creativity skills as we role-play our own scenes
- Learn the importance of empathy as we consider different characters

perform.org.uk/worldbookday

"Marissa was fantastic. We booked five workshops, with five different books for each, AND it was World Book Day, so we were in awe of her, and how she kept



Painting, Crafts, Clay, Dancing, Yoga, Drama, Games, Stories, Cake Decorating, Music!

Check out the website for more details on weekly themes, discounts and how to book.



www.creativewizkids.com

Upcoming Clubs:

December Holiday Club

Dec 27th 29th 30th 31st

10am-2pm / extended hours 10am-4pm (ages 5-9)

Early drop off available



Debbi Clark & Susana Hill

- FESTIVE CRAFT & GIFT MAKING with Designer Lola Turner
- RAP & BEATS with Music Mentors Zander & Ethan

CREATE AN ACCOUNT:

https://book.plinth.org.uk/calendar/Iy9ultDHV1FHKtijs8qb/cover

TO BOOK: Please follow the direct link under each course

THE HUH ARTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All our young artists will come together on Tuesday afternoon for a high energy fun filled event starting with a delicious festive lunch with scrumptious treats made by our young chefs & our music students DJ Perform their final beats. There will be lots of fun party games & activities with a visit to Santa's Grotto too!

LOVE COOKING

with CHEFS Seyi & Rhian

This includes a ticket to the HvH ARTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

course dives into the essentials of fashion photography, from concept development and styling to working in a studio.

Our young photographers will have the chance to create a moodboard, build sets & explore studio lighting.

Experimenting with fashion portraiture and editorial style setups, while receiving tailored guidance and feedback throughout. Each student will be given a 6"8" print of their favourite photograph they have taken to take home

MONDAY 22nd + TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 10am -6pm

Ages 5yrs to 16yrs LOCATION: HvH ARTS Studio. 181 Mansfield Road. NW3 2HP

BOOKING

LINK: https://book.plinth.org.uk/e/BwdqdKjLZITfoDvSsDjy

FESTIVE CRAFT & GIFT MAKING

with Designer Lola Turner

us the energy we need to cook up a storm. We will split our time between our main lunch meal of the day and doing some preparation for our tasty party food.

SUNDAY 21st & MONDAY 22nd DECEMBER 10am - 2pm

TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 10am - 6pm

Ages 8yrs to 16yrs

LOCATION: Rhyl School Community Kitchen, Marsden St, London NW5 3PJ

BOOKING LINK:

https://book.plinth.org.uk/e/XiP7QQpYF357ihUYeLhG

FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY

with Professional Photographers Debbi Clark & Susana Hill

This includes a ticket to the HvH ARTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

A dynamic, style-focused workshop for students from ages 5yrs to 16yrs interested in the creative world of fashion. This

technique, our young artists will learn how make festive gifts this could be a bag or a cushion.

MONDAY 22nd + TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 10am - 6pm

Ages 5yrs to 16yrs

LOCATION: HvH ARTS Gallery. 44 Ashdown Crescent. NW5 40E

BOOKING LINK:

https://book.plinth.org.uk/e/fTuRG9kek9ZDAP9KLvJO

RAP & BEATS

with Professional Music Mentors Xander & Ethan

This includes a ticket to the HvH ARTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Learning how to create beats, write and rap. We will be teaching our young musicians to use Logic Pro, working with professional mics, guitars, amps, piano to learn how to arrange music and record vocals. The final beats will be

BOOKING LINK:

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Drop in to your local Children's Centre & Family Hub for FREE:

- Toys
- . Tooth-brushing kits
- Books
- Pre-loved clothes incluing winter coats (children's and adults)
- Refreshments
- Information on our free support and services





Festive kindness stall

Join us for a week of festive kindness

When: Monday 15 December to Thursday 18 December

Where: Agar Children's Centre and Family Hub, NW1 9SU

We'll be running a special stall offering re-gifted toys, books, and coats. Come along, browse, and choose a gift that's right for you.

Tuesday 16 December:

Regent's Park Children's Centre & Family

Hub — 9am-12pm

Hampden Children's Centre — 1pm-4pm

Wednesday 17 December:

Harmood Children's Centre & Family Hub — 9am-1pm

Thursday 18 December:

Kilburn Grange Children's Centre & Family

Hub — 1pm-4pm



@familyhubs@camden.gov.uk

100 0800 389 5789

families.camden.gov.uk



Festive week - what's on:

Our other Family Hubs also have festive events all week with free toys, books, tooth-brushing kits, pre-loved clothes, refreshments, and service information — all drop-in, no booking needed.

Monday 15 December:

1a Children's Centre & Family Hub —1pm-4pm

Tuesday 16 December:

Regent's Park Children's Centre & Family Hub — 9am-12pm

Hampden Children's Centre — 1pm-4pm

Wednesday 17 December:

Harmood Children's Centre & Family Hub — 9am-1pm

Thursday 18 December:

Kilburn Grange Children's Centre & Family Hub

Upcoming events and activities for families, children and young people aged 0 to 19, or up to 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Check the websites of external providers before attending events, in case any details have changed.

Camden Children's Centres and Family Hubs have launched a new page on its Families website highlighting free and low-cost events and activities for families, children and young people across the borough. Visit families.camden.gov.uk/events-and-activities to find out more.

Events and activities - Camden Council

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free programme that gifts books to children. The programme was started by Dolly Parton in 1995. She was inspired by her father, who could not read or write. The programme's goal is to help children everywhere love reading.

This project is supported by funds raised by players of <u>People's Postcode Lottery</u> and delivered by Dolly Parton's charity, <u>The Dollywood Foundation</u>.

Imagination Library Scheme

The Camden Library team have just launched the Dolly Parton's imagination library scheme. Registered children will receive a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book addressed to them in the post each month, until their 5th birthday. If you register your child by the 3rd of December using the link below your child will receive their first book in January. camden.gov.uk/imagination-library

https://www.camden.gov.uk/imaginationlibrary

Mon 16 to Fri 20 February 2026 (5 Days)



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"Mother Nature Science Camp"



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM 2026 Information

In this fantastic 5-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children will enjoy lots of premium fun, hands-on, chemistry, biology and physics science activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below).

- Dates: Mon 16-Fri 20 Feb 2026 (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

Science Whizz! - New for 2026

Day Places: Limited day-places available to book online

Early Bird

VENUES Serving

NW London

- Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- Ealing
- Harrow
- Hillingdon
- Westminster

NE London

- City of London
 - Enfield
 - Haringey
 - Islington
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

SW London

- Kensington
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Hounslow

Google Say "Mother Natura Science Camp" &

Book online at:

www.mnature.co.uk

Or call us today:

020 8863 8832

Also, Booking Online Now: April Easter

Holiday Science Activity Camp -Science Blast!



May-June Half-Term Holiday Science Activity Camp - Epic Engineering!

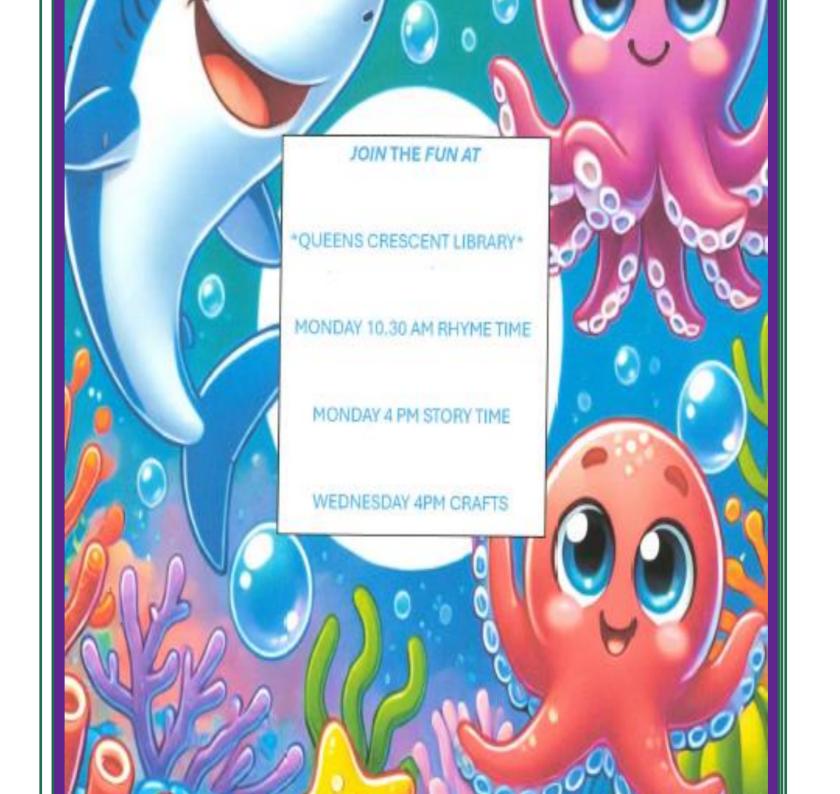


Day 1> Science Mix!

Rainbow Paper! **Balancing Robot!** Ralloon Zoom!

Day 4> Science Slam! In a Spin!

Hummingbird Spinner! Chromatography Rouguetel





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Surgery times

Our advice surgeries are held at the following venues. These are drop-in sessions to there is no need to make an appointment.

Cllr Jenny Mulholland

1st and 5th Thursday of the month

Queen's Crescent Job Hub, 179 Queen's Crescent, NW5 4DS. 1pm to 2pm

For surgery appointments at other times, please email

jenny.mulholland@camden.gov.uk or call 020 7974 2792 to arrange a rme.

Cllr Marcus Boyland

1st Thursday of the month

Fleet School Fleet Road Hampstead NW3 2QT 9am to 10am

3rd and 5th Thursday of the month

Queen's Crescent Job Hub 179 Queen's Crescent, NW5 4DS 1pm to 2pm

4th Thursday of the Month

Rhyl School, 196 Grafton Road London, NW5 4AX 9 am to 10 am

Cllr Larraine Revah

2nd Thursday of the month

The Gospel Oak Regeneration Hub Site Portacabins of (former Bacton Low Rise) Wellesley Road, Junction with Vicars Road – next to St Martins Church, NW5 4PA. 11am to 12pm

3rd Tuesday of the month

Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place NW5 1LB. 1 pm to 3 pm

This surgery is specifically designed for carers and individuals with disabilities and is by appointment only. Please call 020 7974 2792 to schedule an appointment

3rd Friday of the month

Russell Nursery TRA Hall, The Aspern Centre 1 Christie Court, 3 Aspern Grove NW3 2AB. 4pm to 5pm

4th Thursday of the month

The Gospel Oak Regeneration Hub Site Portacabins of (former Bacton Low Rise) Wellesley Road, Junction with Vicars Road – next to St Martins Church, NW5 4PA. 11am to noon

Please note there are no surgeries in August. If you wish to have a phone, teams or zoom appointment with the Councillor please email the Councillor or call Members Support to have this arranged.

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Tuesday Afternoons

Starting - Tuesday 23 September
Time - 1:00pm -3:00pm
Rhyl Community Primary School
Grafton Road NW5 4AX

An accredited level 1 award in childcare

You will need to complete an English assessment to get a place on this course Induction Session Tuesday 23rd September

Limited creche places available.



Speak to Zara for more information and to book a crèche place or call Alison on 07876651950









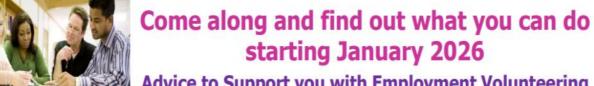
Camden Adult and Community Learning





An Information Session

On Tuesday 16th December 9:30am -11:30am Rhyl Community School Rhyl Street



Advice to Support you with Employment Volunteering and Study





la. 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

YEARS SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMME

AN EVIDENCED BASED GROUP INTERVENTION TO SUPPORT PARENTS AND CARERS

The Incredible Years programme offers parents evidenced based strategies to improve children's behaviour, social skills, and academic achievement. It aims to build stronger relationships between parents and children, manage difficult behaviours, and promote positive outcomes. The programme helps parents develop skills to increase their child's self-esteem, manage emotions, and improve social skills.

For further information please speak to a member of school staff or contact Alice Hargreaves (Parenting Practitioner) via email Email: mhst@tavi-port.nhs.uk

Start Date: Tuesday 23rd September 10am - 12pm 12 week programme (excluding school holiday)



Venue: Regent's Children's Centre,

Society **Emotional health and** well-being support For Children and Young People aged 6-25 Drop-in sessions taking place each Thursday between 2.30pm-6:30pm 000 000 Camden Beam at Find out more: Calthorpe Community Garden childrenssociety.org.uk/beam

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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Children's Centres:

- O 1a Children's Centre 1a Rosebery Avenue EC1R 4SR
- 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
- Agar Children's Centre Lulworth, Wrotham Road NW1 9SU 020 7974 4789
- C Kilburn Grange Children's Centre 1 Palmerston Road NW6 2JL

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



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Mums, Dads and Carers,

come with your children to

your local children's centre.

Happy, healthy and looking forward to the

first months and years of your child's life.

up until birth and for years into the future.

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

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

Pregnancy & New Born Baby



New Born Baby to 2 Years



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 activities. 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



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

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MHST

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.







WEBINAR SERIES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY AND SECOND-ARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topics this year (from now through to June 2025) include...

- Parent Self Care
- Therapeutic conversations with your child and young person
- Sleep
- Screen Time
- Sibling relationships
- Parent-child interactions
- Managing routings

FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOLS PRACTITIONER

If you are interested in getting help, please contact:

Rebecca Wall —Deputy Head

Courselling 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

8 January 2026 at 14:30pm

Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be? Enhance your relationship with your children? Learning at a time that suits you?







What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- · Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to any 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 parenting.
- Hear from others about what works for them.



- 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?







What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- 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.
- Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
- Hear from others about what works for them.

How to Register



Go to: www.strengthening-families.net/ parenting-courses



Select an age range for your course



Select a day of the week and time for your **group**discussion from the options available



Complete your contact details



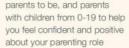
5 Answer a short questionnaire



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



- Activities to enjoy time together as a family
- Early Help Play support to access holiday play schemes,
- 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



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

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 in your local children's centre if you are pregnant or have a child under 5.

Early Help Co-ordinators

Camden

help and support 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. network of people around you to feel on the right track.

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Families in Focus

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

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
- 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 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.



simply let us know your child will be taking up the offer and that is it—nothing to fill in or apply for. However, this is different from 'Free School Meal Status'. This is still something you need to apply through Camden for. It is really important that you do this as this measure dictates a lot of the funding schools are allocated. To ensure we receive the correct funding we need all children who are eligible for this status to complete the process. You may be entitled to this status and therefore Fleet will receive additional funding if you receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit your

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 status 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/

Please ask Lisa in the office for help applying if you need it. Fleet relies on accurate funding to support the education of all our children.



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

Primary School

FREE SCHOOL CLOTHING



- SAVE YOUR FAMILY MONEY
- STOP SCHOOL CLOTHES FROM GOING TO LANDFILL
- **MAKE CAMDEN A MORE SUSTAINABLE PLACE**

We'd love you to come along to use our School Uniform Exchange. Pick up good quality, pre-loved school clothing for free, to save money and help the planet.



WHEN AND WHERE TO FIND US:

Rhyl Community Primary School Monday-Thursday 9.30-11.30am Grafton Road, NW5 4AX







COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND SAVE FAMILIES MONEY

Cost of living too high? Join a food co-op!

Cooperation Town is a network of community food co-ops.

A food co-op is a neighbourhood buying group, where members get quality groceries at extremely good value.

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

Co-op members can save up to 40% on their weekly food costs by organising with friends and neighbours.

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

Start a community food co-op today on your street or your estate!

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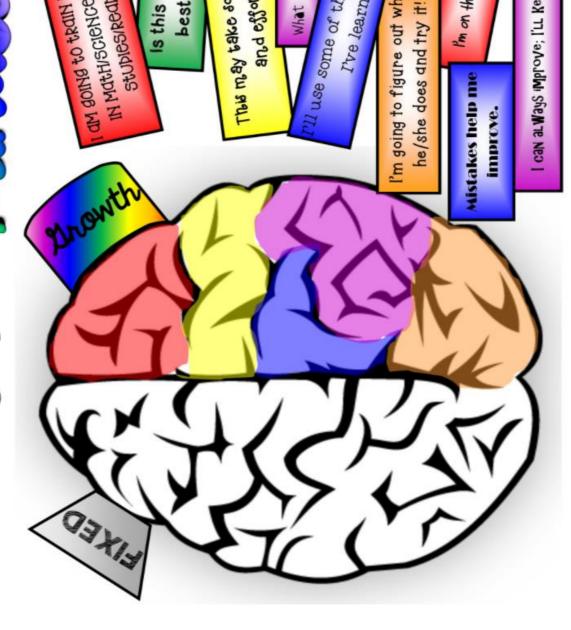
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stereotypes are everywhere in children's lives – in clothes, toys, books, media and language.

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.











Study and work:

In childhood, construction and science toys are often sold 'for boys'. At A level, only 10% of computing and 22% of physics students a

options and even different health outcomes

- only 10% of computing and 22% of physics students are girls. At work, less than 10% of engineers are female.
- In childhood, children learn that dolls are '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

'You cry

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.

- 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
 - 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
 - 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 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.

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- 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

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 male-
- 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: Similarities and differences:

Are girls wearing clothes or shoes
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