

# Fleet Community Notices



Wednesday 20th May



## New items this week...

[Page 37](#) has the latest parent information sheet from National College—this week provides information on what parents and educators need to know about Minecraft. If you are on a low income please speak to your local pharmacy to see if you are entitled to certain free medication see [p81](#). Camden children's centres and family hubs have launched a new website highlighting free and low cost events, Talacre are also hosting Girls Get Moving during the May half term please see [page 54](#) for details & [p64](#) for some free and low cost half term activities.. Better Swiss Cottage are running a swim school during half term see [p63](#) for info. Camden Active are hosting Active for all a fun free day out for young disabled people and their families see [p67-68](#) for details. Queens Crescent Market football festival & young traders day see [p70-71](#) for info. Home start Camden are offering a training programme and need volunteers to help support families see [p40](#) for details. Castlehaven Community Centre are running a free holiday camp in the May half term see [p61](#) for info. UCL are hosting a free community dance day where you can drop in to take part see [p 65-66](#) for info. Good work Camden are running a training & volunteering fair on Thursday 4th June see [p81](#) for details. 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 in sessions, a club, or information there is so much on offer in Camden from the Council and other local community groups.

## Morning Snacks—Fruit only please

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 hall to be collected after school). Thank you.

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## Online learning resources and homework

- Mathematics: [login.mathletics.com](http://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>
- 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.

## Met Engage - Community Crimefighting



Met Engage is a new online tool whereby the Metropolitan Police will circulate information to users about issues that may impact them in their area, and where they can be contacted by residents and stakeholders (such as school parents) who can have their say in setting local ward priorities and objectives.

The Met are currently trying to encourage as many people as possible to sign up to share information and to provide feedback to the police who serve their community.

# Dates for your diary this term...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will give as much notice as we can. We need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via ParentHub. Thank you.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS	
4th June	Councillor surgery drop in 9-10am please come to the school office
5th June	Parent workshop focusing on managing child worries
25th-29th May	Half term
3rd June	Eid celebration
3rd July	Sports day

NURSERY 2025-26	
4th June	Trip to October gallery
18th June	Dough disco session
8th June	Reading café
26th June	Trip to London Zoo
9th July	Class picnic on the Heath

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS	
21st May	Summer term—whole school tea after school
10th July	Summer fair

RECEPTION 2025-26	
5th June	Trip to London Zoo (Packed lunch)
10th July	Class Assembly (Note a week later as to not clash with Sports Day)

YEAR 1 2025-26	
11th June	Hampstead Heath History Walk
26th June	Class Assembly

YEAR 2 2025-26	
17th June (date change)	Class Assembly
3rd July	Sports day
8th July (date change)	Trip to Chalkwell beach (TBC—weather dependant)

YEAR 3 2025-26	
1st June	Trip to October Gallery
12th June	Class Assembly
23rd June	Trip to London Zoo

YEAR 4 2025-26	
Week of 1st June	Times Table Check
12th June	Class Assembly
16th June	Trip to London Zoo
23rd June	Keats library
14th July	Keats library

YEAR 6 2025-26	
8th—12th June	Gower
2nd July	Year 6 transition day
3rd July	Sports day
16th July	Leavers assembly and BBQ (All Y6 parents to contribute)

YEAR 5 2025-26	
21st May	Music assembly
22nd May	Class Assembly
10th June	EPIC Ceilidh @Cecil Sharp House
24th June	Trip to the Crick Institute
25th June	Bandstand performance

# Term Dates for 2025-26



## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-2026

### AUTUMN TERM

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

### SPRING TERM

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

### SUMMER TERM

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

### STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

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

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.

## Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school. Nuts and items containing nuts should not be brought into school as snacks, part of packed lunches, or as donations to the Class Tea Sales. Thank you for your understanding and care to ensure we prevent dangers from allergic reactions.

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# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Date:** May 2025

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.**

# Message to parents from our School Inclusion Support Officer

## **School Inclusion Support Officers**

Over the last few months, you may have seen stories about the importance of good attendance on social media, on TV, in newspapers and there have been posters in bus shelter in Camden and the government 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](mailto:alison.ellis@camden.gov.uk)

**It is never too late to benefit from good attendance.**



# Lateness

*How much time can you lose?*

In one school year

**5 Minutes**

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Sixteen  
days of  
missed  
schooling



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**NOTE...**

Make sure you also add your individual children, not just classes, to ensure you receive individual messages as well as class and school notices. If you have any queries speak with Lisa Tan via the school office!

# 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.
3. Choose “Add a School” and enter the school handle (above).

Visit [www.parenthub.co.uk](http://www.parenthub.co.uk) to find out more

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



# Fleet's Forest School Request

# Consultation: Preparing Children for a Changing Digital World

The government is seeking views about new measures to help children navigate technology safely. The consultation invites views from pupils, staff, parents/carers, other stakeholders, and partners. It offers a good opportunity for schools engage with their parents and pupils on a very topical issue.

Proposals include:

- Introducing a minimum age for social media use
- Restricting addictive or risky design features (e.g., infinite scroll, autoplay)
- Considering changes to the digital age of consent
- Strengthening age verification and assurance
- Potential statutory guidance on mobile phone use in schools
- Improved support and clearer guidance for parents and simpler parental controls

This builds on the Online Safety Act 2023 and aims to ensure children's online experiences are safe, healthy, and enriching. The consultation is open to everyone and includes dedicated consultation versions for children and young people (aged 10 to 21 years) and for parents/carers. Views will also be gathered through national events over the next three months.

For further information and to take part, please visit: [National Consultation: Growing up in the Online World- Pupils, Staff & Parents](#)

Consultation closes: 11:59pm, 26 May 2026

## Growing up in the online world: a national consultation - GOV.UK

## Empowering families through collaborative support—series of workshops

Many families tell us they are looking for practical advice and a supportive space to talk about everyday challenges such as sleep, boundaries, screen time and wellbeing. As part of Camden SEND Strategy, we are delivering a strand focused on empowering families through collaborative support. We are holding a series of workshops for parents and carers and would really appreciate it if you could share the information below with the families you work with.

The workshops will be delivered by an Educational Psychologist, bringing professional expertise as well as a strong understanding of the day-to-day reality's families face. Sessions will be supportive and focused on practical strategies that can be used at home.

These sessions are open to all Camden parents and carers of children and young people with SEND and parents and carers of children who are educated in Camden schools. There is no need for previous knowledge or experience. Parents and carers can attend one session or more.

**Book your place here:** [Empowering families through collaborative support - series of workshops booking form](#)



# PRIMARY TAKE THE LEAD

APPLY NOW

## Supporting students moving from primary to secondary school

Primary Take the Lead is a free project working with London primary schools and engaging Year Six students.

Using theatre techniques and drama practices, the project explores themes of transition and change to help young people build their confidence and take ownership of their next steps, including the move from primary to secondary school.

Primary teachers on the programme also receive free CPD sessions to support their continuing professional development.

The project is based on our highly successful Take the Lead programme. [Find out more about Take The Lead for older students](#)



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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  
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### Why Learn Steel Pan Music?

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## 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](http://www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service)



Or scan the QR code

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## 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

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## 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

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# 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>

	<p><b>Violin</b>  <u>J.S Bach - "Chaconne" Partita No.2 by Esther Abrami - YouTube</u></p> <p>Usually plays the tune 'Small and light'</p>	<p><b>Percussion</b>  <u>Hyun-gi Lee - Garage Drummer - Percussion Final - BBC Young Musicians 2012 - YouTube</u>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxzK9CipS04">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxzK9CipS04</a></p> <p>Ideal if you want to play lots of different instruments, from small to large</p>	
	<p><b>Cello</b>  <u>Sheku Kanneh-Mason - No Woman, No Cry (Arr. Cello) [Studio Session] - YouTube</u></p> <p>Plays the lower accompaniment, usually large to carry, on your back</p>	<p><b>Ukulele</b>  <u>Jake Shimabukuro Performing Bohemian Rhapsody On HiSessions - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small and light to carry                      Easy to write songs and sing along with</p>	
	<p><b>Recorder</b>  <u>BBC Young Musician 2012 - Charlotte Barbour-Condini (recorder) - Trotto (Anon.) - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small and light to carry                      Lots of different sizes from very low to very high                      You need lots of gentle breath control!</p>	<p><b>Guitar</b>  <u>BACH   Sean Shibe   BWV 997 (Development) - YouTube</u></p> <p>Can play the melody or strum chords                      Easy to write songs and sing along with                      You can play alone or in a band</p>	
	<p><b>Flute</b>  <u>Havana - Camila Cabello Flute Cover - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small and light to carry                      Needs a lot of breath!                      Held sideways</p>	<p><b>Voice / singing lessons</b></p>	
	<p><b>Clarinet</b>  <u>Introducing the Clarinet with Julian Bliss   Discover Instruments   Classic FM - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small and light to carry                      Needs a lot of breath!</p>	<p><b>Euphonium</b>  <u>Uptown Funk (Euphonium Loop) - Tubavisionary - YouTube</u></p> <p>Usually plays the lower accompaniment (not the tune)                      Be different and play this!</p>	
	<p><b>Saxophone</b>  <u>BBC Proms - Darius Milhaud: Scaramouche (Excerpt) - YouTube</u></p> <p>Large to carry, on your back                      Needs a lot of breath!</p>	<p><b>Trombone</b>  <u>GoPro on Trombone: Star Wars - Imperial March - YouTube</u></p> <p>Plays the lower accompaniment usually, although sometimes has the tune                      Large to carry</p>	
	<p><b>Trumpet</b>  <u>Alison Balsom - Autumn Leaves (Les Feuilles Mortes) - Live in London - YouTube</u></p> <p>Small to carry                      Needs a lot of breath</p>	<p><b>French Horn</b>  <u>Instrument: Horn - YouTube</u></p> <p>Medium sized                      Be different and play this!</p>	

## 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](http://www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres)

and here

[www.camden.gov.uk/music-service-ensembles](http://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 instalment 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](mailto:camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk)



- LESSONS IN SCHOOLS
- SATURDAY CENTRES
- 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](http://www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service)



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# 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 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-music-service](http://www.camden.gov.uk/camdens-music-service) and follow the link to instrumental and voice lessons in schools.
- We will put your child on our waiting list if there is not a lesson space available straight away.
- We will send you an invoice when a lesson is available. Your child's lesson will not start until you pay.

# WELCOME TO CAMJAM!

The Camden Music Junior Saturday Centre



## JOIN US ON SATURDAYS

at Brecknock School, NW1 9AL

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



[www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres](http://www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres)



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# Camden 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

📍 Camden School for Girls, Sandall Road,  
London NW5 2DB



# JOIN CAMJAM

Saturday Mornings



- 18 month to Year 5 age students
- Bands, choirs and creative groups
- Group and individual lessons
- Voyagers for children with SEND
- Brecknock School, Camden

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## 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](mailto:whh-tr.camsltclcs@nhs.net)

**If you require a phone interpreter, please let us know**

**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:





Introducing the new neurodevelopmental website for children, young people, families and professionals in Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington

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.

**Autism and ADHD Neurodevelopmental Site 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

Downloadable neurodevelopmental resources

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

Hear the voices of young people, parents and carers

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<https://londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk/autism-adhd-support-ncl>

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## **You can get the winter COVID-19 vaccine if you are:**

- Aged 75 and over
- Residents in care homes for older adults
- 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 employer-led occupational health provision

## Want to join us?

Get in touch to become a free member of our Forum. We will add you to our mailing list where you will receive invitations & reminders of our termly events as well as our monthly newsletter which has lots of useful information.

- Join our mailing list using the QR code below.
- Come along to any of our events & meet us in person.
- We are on Facebook, IG and X
- Become a Forum Champion & work closely with us.



“The Camden Special Parents Forum is like a Sat-Nav for SEND. It takes you exactly where you need to go”

- Camden parent

You can also email us at:  
[CamdenPCF@kids.org.uk](mailto:CamdenPCF@kids.org.uk)

Or text/call on: 07385 003 662

Address: KIDS Camden,  
The Old Town Hall,  
213 Haverstock Hill,  
London, NW3 4QP

Like our Facebook page to see what we're up to, receive news and to keep connected. You can also follow us on Facebook & X.

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“I love being around other parents and carers that understand how I'm feeling & can offer supportive ways to help me and my child.”

- Camden parent

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[www.kids.org.uk](http://www.kids.org.uk)

## Who are we?

The Camden Special Parents Forum is run by parents of SEND Children who live in & have links with the local Community. We understand the unique journey of raising children with special educational needs. We aim to share information, listen to your experiences, identify common themes and strengthen our common voice to improve services.

We are a member of the National Network of Parent Carer Forums (known as the NNPCF), which brings together the collective voice of families like ours from across England.

We work in partnership with Camden Local Authority (Education, Health & Social Care) and other service providers to influence how they commission, plan and deliver services to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND.



## What do we do?

### 1 Peer support:

We hold regular events to bring parents & carers together in person or online, in a safe and supportive environment where they can share experiences & discuss ideas. We provide activities that promote self care & support Parents and Carers looking after themselves to ensure that they can look after others to the best of their ability.

### 2 Training and Workshops:

We work in partnership with different education, health and social care providers to provide training and workshops on different topics helpful to parents and carers.

### 3 Co-production and Co-Design

We work in partnership with Camden Local Authority to feedback views of parents and carers and ensure that the families voices are at the centre of the work that they do. We hold an informative bi-monthly forum meeting which is attended by professionals alongside parents and carers to break down the barriers & support a co-productive relationship. Members are encouraged to share individual & collective experiences & use their voices to help co-design & shape services.

We also support key opportunities for parents & carers to feed into focus groups/ provide consultation on key areas.

CAMDEN   
Parent Carer Forum



Camden's official Forum for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Providing a safe and supportive community for parents and carers of SEND children in Camden.



You are welcome to come along to any of our events, they are informal, friendly and very informative!

# Early Years SEND parent coffee morning: focus on sleep

For parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years with emerging or diagnosed Special Educational Needs or Disabilities. This is a relaxed and supportive space where you can:

- Connect with others who understand the challenges and joys of raising a child with additional needs
- Share experiences and advice
- Find emotional support
- Make new friends who understand your journey
- Access information about what resources are available for children with SEND in Camden



**SIGN UP!**

## SLEEP

In our Sleep Workshop for parents, Michelle Stott (Mosaic CAMHs psychologist and sleep counsellor) will:

- Discuss what might be maintaining your child's sleeping difficulties
- Give you information and advice about different ways of managing these difficulties including behavioural strategies and evening routines
- Give you a space to ask questions
- Give you an opportunity to meet other parents whose children may be experiencing similar difficulties to yours

After signing up, you will receive a sleep diary that you may want to complete before the session.

When:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April,  
10:00am-12:00pm -  
Hampden Centre 80  
Polygon Road NW1 1HQ  
and

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
10:00am - 12:00pm Agar  
Family Hub Lulworth,  
Wrotham Road, NW1  
9SU

[Click here to sign up](#)

or scan the QR code



The sleep workshop will be followed by a coffee morning for parents and carers of SEND children. Please join us for a hot drink and pastry to get to know one another.

# Parenting your Child with ADHD

Group for parents and carers of children aged 5-12 years who have a clinical diagnosis of ADHD



What people say about our ADHD programme:

*“Thank you thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.”*

*“Good facilitation with some good advice in response to real questions.”*

*“It worked well - thank you!”*

**Brandon Centre**

## For parents and carers of children with ADHD aged 5-12 years

For parents and carers of children with a diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) aged 5-12 years. This is a 6-week group programme that meets for 1.5-2 hours a week. The group is facilitated by a qualified mental health professional with experience in supporting parents and carers. The group is run several times a year either online or face to face.

The group builds on what parents are doing well and teaches parents and carers skills and strategies to improve and manage difficult behaviour in children in this age group. It also incorporates the **123 Magic™** approaches, which complement and enhance the programme. The sessions cover the following areas:

- Providing information on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Setting household rules
- Developing and implementing schedules and routines
- Realistic expectations
- Giving clear and calm instructions
- Rewards and praise
- Staying positive and looking after yourself
- The 123 Magic™ approach to effective discipline.

## Brandon Centre

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### Referrals

To find out more information about the programme and upcoming groups please email us at [familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk](mailto:familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk)

Self-referrals or professional referrals are accepted and can be made by calling **07939 833 069** or emailing [familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk](mailto:familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk)

### Contact details:

**Brandon Centre**  
**26 Prince of Wales Road**  
**London**  
**NW5 3LG**

Tel: **020 7267 4792**

Email: [familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk](mailto:familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk)

Website: [www.brandoncentre.org.uk](http://www.brandoncentre.org.uk)



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# ADHD Parenting Programme

**Brandon  
Centre**  
Here for Young People

FREE 6-week parent support group for Camden  
and Islington residents

Parents and Carers of children aged 5-12 with an  
ADHD diagnosis are welcome!

Learn more about the diagnosis and gain  
parenting skills and strategies from the 1-2-3  
Magic model to help you manage your child's  
behaviour

**Parents awaiting an assessment can join from  
Session 2**

**Start date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**Time: 10am-11:30am**

**Venue: Online (Microsoft Teams)**

**Group runs at the same time weekly for 6 weeks**

We accept referrals from professionals and  
parents. Please use the QR code to access  
the referral form. Or please email  
[familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk](mailto:familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk) to  
request for a referral form



## 'Schools White Paper' Information Sessions

For SEND Parent Carers wanting to learn more about the proposals & how to have your say!

Join Us!

**Wednesday 22nd April: 10.30-12pm**  
**Harmood Childrens Centre & Family Hub**  
**1 Forge Place , NW1 8DQ**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May: 10-11.30am**  
**Kilburn Grange Children's Centre & Family Hub**  
**1 Palmerston Road, NW6 2JL**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
**12.30-2pm**  
**ONLINE via Teams**



To book a space, please contact [Camdenpcf@kids.org.uk](mailto:Camdenpcf@kids.org.uk) or text/ call 07385 003 662

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2026

Wed 6

New schools white paper information session **IN-PERSON**  
 10:30-11:30am Kilburn Grange, 1 Palmerston Road, NW6 2JL

Mon 11

ONLINE; New schools white paper information session  
 12:30-2pm Online via TEAMS (Please register for the link)

ONLINE

Tue 12

ASD Girls Reflective Space  
 11-12:30pm In-person @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH

Wed 13

Sleep Workshop  
 12:30-2:30pm Online (Please register for the link)

ONLINE

Mon 18

CAMHS Reflective Space  
 12:30-2pm In-person @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH

Tue 19

Forum meeting- 'HYBRID'  
 10:30-12:30pm Online & in-person @ The Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town NW5 1LB

Wed 20

Virtual Coffee & Catch up  
 11:30-12:30pm Online (Please register for the link)

ONLINE

To register for any of these events please email:

[CamdenPCF@kids.org.uk](mailto:CamdenPCF@kids.org.uk) or [Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk](mailto:Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk)

Text or Call Aisha: 07385 003 662

## 'Coffee & Catch up' With the CPCF Team

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
 11.30am-12.30pm

ONLINE



Are you a Camden parent or carer of a child or young person with additional needs and would like to join an informed and supportive forum group?

If so, please join us online for an informal and friendly catch-up where we:

- Talk about anything SEND
- Update you on the latest forum news
- Share your own thoughts and experiences

If you would like to register for the link please email: [camdenpcf@kids.org.uk](mailto:camdenpcf@kids.org.uk)

or Call/Txt 07385 003 662



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
 11.30am-12.30pm  
 Online

Kids

## Summer Term Calendar 2026

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS FOR ALL PARENT CARERS IN CAMDEN WITH A SEND CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON (0-25 YEARS)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU ALL!

### APRIL

Wed 22nd: The PCF 'Breakfast Club', 10:30-11:30am Harmood Children's Centre & Family Hub, NW1 8DQ  
 Wed 28th: Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12-2pm Kentish Town Congregational Church, NW1 8PH

### MAY

Wed 6th: Schools White Paper Info session 10:30am-11:30am @ Kilburn Grange Family Hub NW6 2JL  
 Mon 11th: Schools White Paper online info session ONLINE 12:30-2pm (register for link)  
 Tue 12th: Parenting ASD Girls Reflective Space 11-12.30pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church NW1 8PH  
 Wed 13th: Sleep Workshop, Online via Teams 12:30pm-2:30pm (register for link)  
 Mon 18th: CAMHS Reflective Space, 12:30-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church NW1 8PH  
 Tue 19th: Forum Meeting 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town/ register for hybrid link Online  
 Wed 20th: Virtual Coffee & Catch up 11:30am-12:30pm Online - register for link

### JUNE

Tue 9th: Understanding & Managing Behaviour Workshop 12:45pm-2pm, Online (register for link)  
 Wed 17th: The PCF 'Breakfast Club' 10:30am-11:30am @ 1A Children's Centre & Family Hub EC1R 4SR  
 Tue 23rd: Intro to SEND Training with SENDIASS, 10:30am-12:30pm @ The Greenwood Centre NWS 1LB  
 Mon 29th: 'Summer Walk, Talk & Picnic' 10:15am-1:30pm @ Hampstead Heath  
 Tue 30th: Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church NW1 8PH

### JULY

Wed 1st: Annual Review Workshop with SENDIASS, 10.30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, NWS 1LB  
 Wed 8th: Summer Well-being Event 11am-2pm (Venue TBC)

TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT YOU CAN EMAIL, CALL OR TEXT:  
**CAMDENPCF@KIDS.ORG.UK / 07385 003 662**



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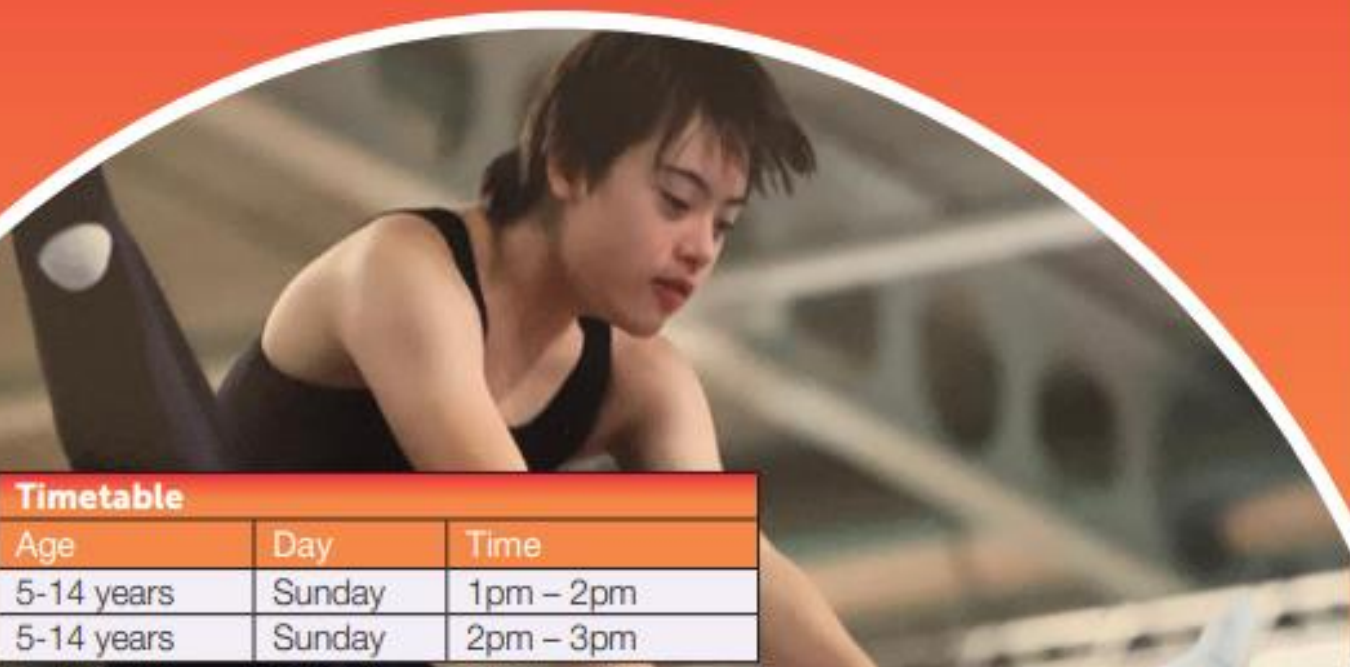
Camden Active

# SEND Trampoline

## Development Courses

Talacre Community Sports Centre, NW5 3AF

Fun weekly sessions for young people aged 5 to 14



Timetable		
Age	Day	Time
5-14 years	Sunday	1pm – 2pm
5-14 years	Sunday	2pm – 3pm

Membership	Price per week	Number of weeks per term		
		Summer 25	Autumn 25	Spring 26
Concession	£4.20	12 Weeks	15 Weeks	11 Weeks
Standard	£5.75			
Full Price	£7.20	Starting 22/4/25	Starting 1/9/25	Starting 5/1/26

- Please be advised that parents/carers are required to remain in the sports hall for the duration of the session to provide support.
- All participants are required to register for a British Gymnastics membership via [www.british-gymnastics.org](http://www.british-gymnastics.org)
- All participants need to pay an annual London Gymnastics fee, payable at Talacre reception when booking your child's place.
- Refunds will incur a 15% admin fee and require 2 weeks' notice. Please note all trampoline courses are **booked on a termly basis**.

@ [gymteam@camden.gov.uk](mailto:gymteam@camden.gov.uk)

☎ 0207 974 8754

## Talk to us about MMR

Take your child's Red Book or vaccine record to their vaccination appointment. You can ask the nurse any questions you have about the MMR or other vaccines.

**X** MMR does not cause autism. Many studies have shown there is no link between MMR and autism. Your nurse will be happy to answer any questions you have about this in your appointment.

**✓** Ask your GP or nurse for an MMR vaccine without pork 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.



## 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 pneumonia and in rare cases can lead to long term disability or death.



[camden.gov.uk/measles](http://camden.gov.uk/measles)



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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.

Rash



Temperature



Runny nose



Red eye



Cough



### If you think your child has measles

If you or your child has symptoms of measles, stay at home. Measles can spread easily so call your GP surgery before going in. They may suggest talking over the phone. You can also call NHS 111 for advice.

Find out more about symptoms and see photos of the measles rash at [nhs.uk/conditions/measles](http://nhs.uk/conditions/measles)

## The MMR vaccine is safe and effective

Two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is the only protection against the most severe forms of measles. 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:



1 year



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 measles vaccinations by looking in their Red Book (or vaccine record). If you're not sure, contact your GP to book a free vaccine appointment.
- You can find free vaccine appointments near you at [schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-camden](http://schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-camden) or by calling 020 4603 3495.





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WE OFFER THE MMR VACCINE TO ALL  
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[Camden@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:Camden@v-uk.co.uk)



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# From the National College - Wakeup Wednesday Guides

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2025 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

#### GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

#### ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

#### SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

#### IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £19, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

#### ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

### USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

### DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media, before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.



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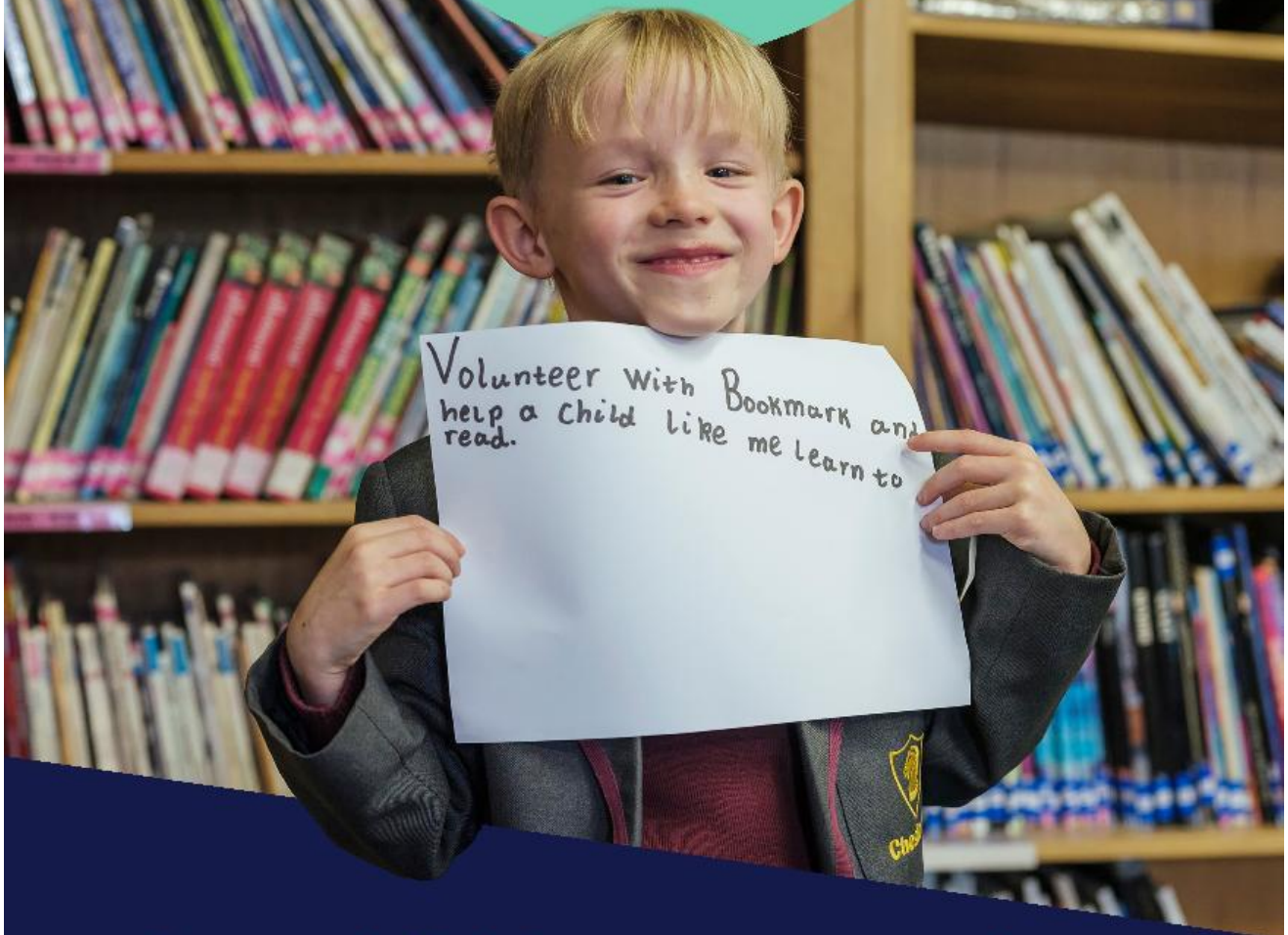
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Bookmark



## 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.

Registered Charity No. 117768

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TODAY**



[bookmarkreading.org/  
volunteer2f](http://bookmarkreading.org/volunteer2f)

*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/volunteer2f](http://www.bookmarkreading.org/volunteer2f)*

# Number Champions

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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:

✉ [lorraine@numberchampions.org.uk](mailto:lorraine@numberchampions.org.uk)

☎ 07918 410 847

Find out about us at:

[www.numberchampions.org.uk](http://www.numberchampions.org.uk)



Training  
provided



Are you passionate about supporting struggling local families with young children?

Do you have parenting or childcare experience?

**Our charity depends on people like you!**

Please contact us today to express your interest and learn more about how you can become part of our team.

### Volunteer Training Programme

 **Start Date: 14 May 2026**

 **Day: Every Thursday**

 **Time: 10:00 – 14:30**

 **Duration: 7 weeks**

 **End Date: 2 July 2026**



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# LOOKING FOR SPORTS AND CREATIVE CLUBS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

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# TERM TIME ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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### 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](http://www.better.org.uk/lessons)

### 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](http://www.better.org.uk/bookings)



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

### Memberships

Whether you want to make a one off payment or monthly payment we have a wide range of memberships on offer **Pay and Play Junior U18s: £6.55 for the year/ Pay and Play Over 16s: £49.50/Monthly junior: £19.50** or Concessionary: **£14.80**  
[www.better.org.uk/memberships](http://www.better.org.uk/memberships)

### 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.

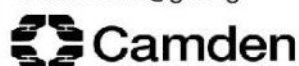


**Talacre Community Sports Centre (under/over 5s):** 09:00 to 18:00 (Weekdays) and 9:00 to 13:45 (Weekends)

**Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre (under/over 2s):** 09:00 to 19:00 (Weekdays) and 08:30 – 16:30 (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](mailto:pancras.square@gll.org)  
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**Oasis:** [Oasis@gll.org](mailto:Oasis@gll.org)



# Free Football Sessions Running Round Camden

See below for details of session venues and times—including Friday's on the Fleet pitch



## OPEN SPACES TIMETABLE



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## OPEN SPACES TIMETABLE

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

### MONDAY

COMMUNITY SESSION	YEAR GROUP	TYPE	POSTCODE	START	END
Elthorne Park	Y3 - Y6	Mixed	N19 3NF	4.30pm	5.30pm
Elthorne Park	Y7 - Y11	Mixed		5.30pm	6.30pm
Rosemary Garden	Y3 - Y6 & Y7 - Y11	Mixed	N13DU	5.00pm	6.30pm
Rosemary Garden	Y10 - Y12	Mixed		6.30pm	8.00pm
London Fields	Y3 - Y6	Mixed	E8 4PD	5.00pm	7.00pm

### TUESDAY

COMMUNITY SESSION	YEAR GROUP	TYPE	POSTCODE	START	END
London Fields	Y7 - Y11	Mixed	E8 4PD	5.00pm	7.00pm
Elthorne Park	Y7 - Y11	Mixed	N19 3NF	4.00pm	5.30pm
Harvist Estate	Y3 - Y6	Mixed	N7 7NB	4.30pm	5.30pm
Harvist Estate	Y7 - Y11	Mixed		5.30pm	6.30pm
St Lukes	Y3 - Y6	Mixed	EC1V 9NR	4.30pm	5.30pm
St Lukes	Y7 - Y11	Mixed		5.30pm	6.30pm

### WEDNESDAY

COMMUNITY SESSION	YEAR GROUP	TYPE	POSTCODE	START	END
Kings Square	Y3 - Y6	Mixed	EC1V 3QU	4.30pm	5.30pm
Kings Square	Y7 - Y11	Mixed		5.30pm	6.30pm
Westbourne	Y3 - Y6	Mixed	N7 8AX	4.30pm	5.30pm
Westbourne	Y7 - Y11	Mixed		5.30pm	6.30pm
Woodberry Down	Y7 - Y11	Mixed	N4 2RJ	6.00pm	7.30pm
Elthorne Park	Y3 - Y6	Mixed	N19 3NF	4.30pm	5.30pm
Elthorne Park	Y7 - Y11	Mixed		5.30pm	6.30pm

### THURSDAY

COMMUNITY SESSION	YEAR GROUP	TYPE	POSTCODE	START	END
Andover Estate	Y3 - Y7	Mixed	N7 7RQ	4.30pm	6.00pm
Crouch Hall Court	Y7 - Y11	Mixed	N19 4EP	5.00pm	6.30pm
Mabley Green	Y8 - Y13	Girls Only	E9 5HW	5.00pm	7.00pm

### FRIDAY

COMMUNITY SESSION	YEAR GROUP	TYPE	POSTCODE	START	END
Rosemary Garden	Y3 - Y6 & Y7 - Y11	Mixed	N13DU	5.00pm	6.30pm
Rosemary Garden	Y10 - Y12	Mixed		6.30pm	8.00pm
Paradise Park	Y3 - Y6	Mixed	N7 8PF	4.30pm	6.00pm
Paradise Park	Y7 - Y9	Mixed		5.30pm	6.30pm
Paradise Park	Y10 - Y12	Mixed		6.30pm	7.30pm
Woodberry Down	Y3 - Y6	Mixed		4.30pm	6.30pm
Woodberry Down	Y7 - Y11	Mixed	N4 2RJ	6.30pm	7.30pm
Fleet	Y3 - Y6	Mixed		NW3 2QT	4.30pm
Fleet	Y7 - Y11	Mixed	6.00pm		7.30pm
William Tyndale	Y9 - Y13	Girls Only	N1 2DL		5.30pm

### SATURDAY

COMMUNITY SESSION	YEAR GROUP	TYPE	POSTCODE	START	END
Arts and Media School	Y3 - Y6	Girls Only	N4 3QL	9.00am	10.15am
Arts and Media School	Y7 - Y11	Girls Only		10.20am	11.45pm

WE WELCOME CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL FOOTBALL ABILITIES WITH SESSIONS BEING DELIVERED IN AN INFORMAL MANNER RATHER THAN STRUCTURED TECHNICAL COACHING SESSIONS. MOST SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE A WARM UP, FUN GAMES AND MATCHES.



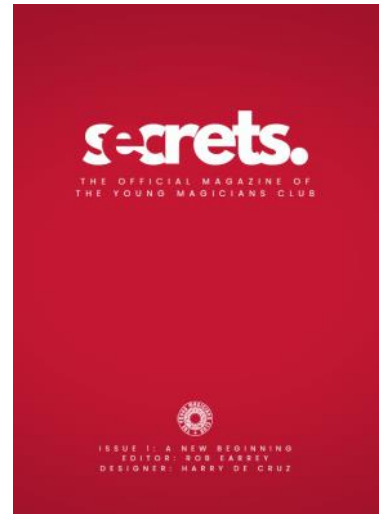
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**The Young Magicians Club** is the number one place for 10-18 year olds who are interested in magic.

Members are invited to exclusive monthly workshops at the world-famous Magic Circle Headquarters, where the best Magic Circle magicians teach, encourage and inspire. There's no 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 TO JOIN

**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!



[www.youngmagiciansclub.co.uk/join](http://www.youngmagiciansclub.co.uk/join)  
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 **DATE**  
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Val Almeida

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## MATCH PLAY ONLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

**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.

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- 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  
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[www.prorevo.co.uk](http://www.prorevo.co.uk)

More Information:  
 [Prorevolution.devel](mailto:Prorevolution.devel)

# Trampoline

## Development courses

Talacre Community Sports Centre, NW5 3AF

Fun sessions for young people aged 5 to 16

Timetable		
Age	Day	Time
5-8 years	Thursday	4pm – 5pm
9-12 years	Thursday	5pm – 6pm
13-16 years	Thursday	6pm – 7pm
5-10 years	Saturday	9am – 10am
11-16 years	Saturday	10am – 11am

Membership	Price per week	Number of weeks per term		
		Summer 25	Autumn 25	Spring 26
Concession	£4.20	12 Weeks	15 Weeks	11 Weeks
Standard	£5.75			
Full Price	£7.20	Starting 22/4/25	Starting 1/9/25	Starting 5/1/26

- Children must wear appropriate sports attire (no jeans)
- Children must wear socks
- Please remove all jewellery before the class.
- All participants are required to register for a British Gymnastics membership via [www.british-gymnastics.org](http://www.british-gymnastics.org)
- All participants need to pay an annual London Gymnastics fee, payable at Talacre reception when booking your child's place.
- Refunds will incur a 15% admin fee and require 2 weeks' notice.
- **Please note all trampoline courses are booked on a termly basis.**

@ [sportsdevelopment@camden.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@camden.gov.uk)

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# Free Cricket Sessions In Westmintser

**What?** Fun, free cricket sessions. No equipment needed!

**When?** Wednesdays 4.45-6pm

**Where?** Regents Park Hub Cricket Pitch, NW1 4NU - lookout for the Middlesex Coaches.

**Who?** 4.30-6pm Anyone aged 8-15

**How?** Email:

[fionn.wilkinson@middlesexccc.com](mailto:fionn.wilkinson@middlesexccc.com) or scan the qr code to sign up!



**CHANCE TO SHINE  
STREET**



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# 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!

**Squirrels**

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



**BEAVERS**

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



**cubs**

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



**SCOUTS**

10.5 - 14 year olds  
Friday's - coming soon



**SIGN UP HERE**



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!

We will be running some Free Taster Sessions for 6-weeks, from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June which are open to girls & boys!

**Meeting Place:**

Castlehaven Community Association  
23 Castlehaven Road, NW1 8RU

All Staff & Volunteers are DBS certified.

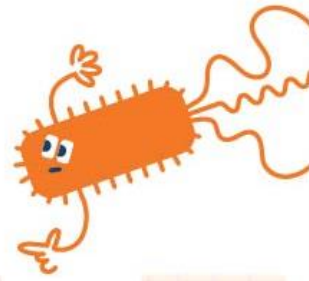
**Contact Details:**

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## Bring your Spring topics to life



Safe Internet Day  
10th February 2025

### 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.

Areas covered:

- ▶ 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](http://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 safe online." *Southbank International School*



Chinese New Year  
17th February 2025

### 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](http://perform.org.uk/chinesenewyear)

"The children loved the workshops, educational and so much fun. Laura was engaging, friendly and very professional." *Clatford CE Primary School*



World Book Day  
5th March 2025

### 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, KS1 and KS2. We will:

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

[perform.org.uk/worldbookday](http://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 the children entertained and focused." *St Edmunds Prep*



### How to book

Our visits last 3-5 hours and we can facilitate a different topic or class each hour.  
Call **020 7255 9121** or visit [performforschools.org.uk](http://performforschools.org.uk)

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# Events and activities

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](https://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 <https://www.camden.gov.uk/imagination-library> programme. 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 [People's Postcode Lottery](#) and delivered by Dolly Parton's charity, [The Dollywood Foundation](#).

### 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/imagination-library)

Girls Get Moving is the perfect chance for girls aged 8 to 14 to get active, make new friends and try out a variety of fun sports, physical activities and games – all in a safe and welcoming environment. Free activities include trampolining, football, basketball, badminton, dodgeball, tennis, adapted games and much more.

It's all taking place during May half-term at Talacre Community Sports Centre, Dalby Street, NW5 3AF on Tuesday 26 May, from 4pm to 6pm.

[Girls Get Moving May Half term 2026- Multi-Sports Session at Talacre Sports Centre](#)



EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

# FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS

**Location:**

Peckwater Estate,  
Islip St, NW5 2UD

**Dates:**

Tuesdays and  
Thursdays

**Time:**

School Year Group 3-6  
4.00pm - 5.00pm

School Year Group 7-11  
5.00pm - 6.00pm

**SIGNUP**



Premier League  
**Kicks**



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## After-school & Weekend Activities Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Drop-in Basketball</b> <b>4:30 - 5:30 pm</b> Basketball Hoop (outside) (ages 11 - 16) Free	<b>Healthy Cooking Class</b> <b>4:30 - 6:00 pm</b> Castlehaven Kitchen (ages 8 - 16) Free	<b>Healthy Cooking Class</b> <b>4:30 - 6:00 pm</b> Castlehaven Kitchen (Kids & Parents) Free	<b>Football Training (Girls &amp; Boys)</b> <b>4:00 - 5:00 pm</b> Sports Pitch (ages 8 - 16) £4 per Session Dinner Included	<b>Football Training With Pro Touch</b> <b>4:00 - 5:00 pm</b> Sports Pitch (ages 5 - 10) Free	<b>Martial Arts Training</b> <b>9:30 - 10:30 am</b> Castlehaven Community Hub (ages 8 - 13) £4 per Session
<b>Chess Club</b> <b>4:30- 5:30 pm</b> (ages 8 - 13) Castlehaven Kitchen				<b>Football Training With Pro Touch</b> <b>5:00 - 6:00 pm</b> Sports Pitch (ages 11 - 16) Free	<b>Castlehaven Youth Hub</b> <b>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</b> Sports Pitch (ages 8 - 16) Free

All our tutors and youth workers are DBS checked. For more information please email [selina@castlehaven.org.uk](mailto:selina@castlehaven.org.uk) or call 0743 5986 620.



# After-school Healthy Cooking Sessions

**For Kids Aged 8 - 16 & Families**

Looking for a fun, free way to get cooking?  
Come along to our after-school session in the  
Community Kitchen, for kids, and parents to cook  
healthy, delicious meals together!

**Tuesdays: 4:30 - 6:30 pm: Kids Only**  
**Wednesdays: 4:30 - 6:30 pm: Kids + Parents**

Email [selina@castlehaven.org.uk](mailto:selina@castlehaven.org.uk) or call  
020 7485 3386 to sign-up!



# Afterschool Chess Club

**Mondays | 4:30 - 5:30 pm**

**Free, afterschool club for children building problem-solving skills in a fun, supportive setting, led by a qualified tutor.**

**Email [selina@castlehaven.org.uk](mailto:selina@castlehaven.org.uk)  
or call 020 7485 3386 for more info.**

# Our Camps

Our chess camps run every holiday including half-term and are perfect for children aged 4-15.

Your child may be a complete beginner or a tournament player – our experienced coaches will cater for all levels and abilities.

With an in-house tournament, joke time, and outdoor activities in the break – we have organised the day so that your child will not want to leave!



# HOLIDAY CAMPS 2026



## Contact Us

-  [www.wallacechess.com](http://www.wallacechess.com)
-  [wallace.chess](https://www.instagram.com/wallace.chess)
-  07879 655581
-  [bookings@wallacechess.com](mailto:bookings@wallacechess.com)



## Dates – 2026

### Spring Half-Term Camp

February 16-19

### Easter Camp

Week 1: March 30-April 2

Week 2: April 7-10 (Tues-Fri)

Week 3: April 13-16

### Summer Half-Term Camp

May 26-29 (Tues-Fri)

### Summer Camp

Week 1: July 13-16

Week 2: July 20-23

Week 3: July 27-30

Week 4: August 17-20

Week 5: August 24-27

Week 6: September 1-4 (Tues-Fri)

### Autumn Half-Term Camp

Week 1: October 19-22 (half-day only)

Week 2: October 26-29

### Christmas Camp

December 14-17



Our goal is that your child's love for chess should thrive! Running for over 19 years, we know what it takes to run a fun day of chess for children of different ages and abilities.

## Our Locations

- Swiss Cottage
- Kensington & Chelsea
- Fulham



## Timings

Half day: 9am-1pm  
Full day: 9am-4pm

Mon-Thurs





- ✓ Safe, Fun, Social and Educational
- ✓ Small and Structured Classes
- ✓ For All Boys & Girls Aged 5-11 Yrs
- ✓ The No.1 Camp - Voted by You

**MAY HALF-TERM STEM 2026**

# HOLIDAY CAMP

**Tue 26-Fri 29 May 2026 (4 Days)**



**FUN, Hands-On, Science Experiments with Take-Homes in Every Activity Week!**

**Book Online:**  
[mnature.co.uk](http://mnature.co.uk)

**Or Call:**  
**020 8863 8832**

**Early Bird and Multi-Book DISCOUNT!**

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## MAY HALF-TERM 2026 Information

Every day on this brilliant-Brunellian 4-day science activity camp is science expedition into the unknown and over the week your child will do 30+ safe, fun, STEM craft-focused activities, exciting demonstrations, hands-on, take-home experiments, team games and fun quizzes - across Chemistry, Biology and Physics!

- **Dates:** Tue 26 to Fri 29 May 2026 (4 Days)
  - **Open to Children:** aged 5-11 years - Only.
  - **Venues:** locations across London (look right>)
  - **Times:** 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs)
- Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm
- **Day Places:** just select online (no discount)

**Early Booking Discount Available!**

### Epic Engineering! - New for 2026!

#### Day 1> The Clever Scientist Challenge!

Powerful Paper Cup!  
Hungry, Hungry Birds!  
Dino Snapper!

#### Day 2> Cool Creative Thinking!

Tin Foil Tower of London!  
Wonder Web!  
Bombastic Bridge Challenge!  
Weigh It Up!

#### Day 3> Epic Engineering Fun!

Brilliant Bubble Maker!  
Dastardly Dam Challenge!  
Cool Catching Flies!  
Super Sticky Slime!

#### Day 4> Super Designer!

Unsinkable Strong Boat!  
Fantastic Flying Fun!  
Magic Wallet!  
Best Bottle Toss Challenge!

... and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes! -Full Day-Descriptions - online!...

## VENUES Serving:



### NW London

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

### SW London

- Kensington
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Hounslow
- Kingston
- Merton
- Richmond
- Sutton
- Wandsworth

### NE London

- City of London
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- Hackney
- Haringey
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- Newham
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

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July-August Science  
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7 Weeks and 4 Awesome  
Programmes Available!



**Did You Know?**  
we also do  
**THE BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER!**

See website for full list...



# Free Holiday Camp

May 28th & 29th - 11am - 3pm

Location - Castlehaven Community  
Centre, 23 Castlehaven Rd,  
Camden Town, London, NW1 8RU



Who is free for games, arts and crafts,  
football, laughs and balloon fun ?

For children aged 7-12. All faiths  
Welcome !

Places limited - please email  
[Michelle@hellobuddy.org](mailto:Michelle@hellobuddy.org)  
to apply



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FOUNDATION**



# KICK AND CREATE GIRLS' FOOTBALL CAMP

Girls' football holiday camps for all ability levels  
Creative workshops led by Adobe experts

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May

10am-3pm | Ages 7-16 | Tufnell Park, North London

# SWIM SCHOOL



## 3 DAY HOLIDAY COURSES



**SWISS COTTAGE LEISURE CENTRE**

**MAY HALF TERM**

**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY – WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Whether your children are beginners or you're wanting to build their confidence, we cater for all levels of ability and will help them progress in the world of water.

### FOUNDATION:

For children aged 4 years and over who are non-swimmers and beginners. Teaching pupils the essential swimming skills to ensure they learn to be safe in and around water. Learning the basic techniques for all 4 strokes, achieving 10 metres on Front Crawl and Backstroke by the end of their Green milestones.

### FOUNDATION

**08:30-09:00 SEND**

10:00 – 10:30

10:30 – 11:00

11:00 – 11:30

**DEVELOPMENT**  
**11:30 - 12:00**

### DEVELOPMENT:

Children aged 5-12 years who are able to swim 15m Plus Teaching pupils advanced swimming skills, developing their techniques on all 4 strokes to create efficient and effective swimmers. Lessons focus on a wide range of skills across all aquatic sports. Pupils will learn basic water survival and rescue skills as part of the milestone awards. Here we will also work with other partner clubs to assess each pupil's ability to progress in talent pathways.

For more information email [Kylie.bland@gll.org](mailto:Kylie.bland@gll.org)

Book your child's lesson online [betterlessons.org.uk](http://betterlessons.org.uk) or alternatively speak to a member of our team at the centre who will be able to support you.

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# Arsenal in the Community

Arsenal in the Community will be delivering free football sessions (and providing a hot lunch for those eligible for free school meals) across the holiday for children aged 8 -12 years.

Sessions will involve a mixture of fun football activities as well as games, additional opportunities and workshops.

Price: free

Ages: 8 to 12 years old

Location: Canteloves Gardens, Camden Road, NW5 2AU

Dates: Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May

Time: 10am to 1pm

To register for Arsenal in the community at Canteloves, [complete the online registration form.](#)

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=GrmMBuCL10m-OjgZCwugIfaXM0L2jlxBrzntQL3XtnhURU8zTjFOQzVCU1BPMUZBUEZOOD-NENzNNNi4u&route=shorturl>

For any further enquiries, contact [positivekicks@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:positivekicks@arsenal.co.uk).

## Kids Swim for £1

Enjoy access to swimming for £1 every day during the school holidays before 10am at Camden Better Leisure centres with [Kids Swim for a Quid](#).

This offer is available to all children under 16 years old. This offer is also available during the school term time every Saturday and Sunday before 10am.

For more information on membership and how to get started, visit [Kids Swim for a Quid](#).

<https://www.better.org.uk/what-we-offer/activities/activities-for-kids>

## Multisport Scheme for ages 8 to 12 years

Come and join us this May half-term for a fun filled multi-sports camp.

Activities on offer include gymnastics, trampoline, table tennis, badminton, pickleball, mini tennis, football, basketball, and lots of fun games. All activities take place at Talacre Community Sports Centre.

Children of all abilities are welcome, and activities are supervised by our qualified coaches.

### Camp dates

Week (4 days): Tuesday 26 May to Friday 29 May

### Camp times

9am to 3.30pm

Drop off: 9am or 9.30am

Pick up: 3.15pm and 3.30pm

### Prices

Concession: £38.20

Standard: £81.00

Full Price (No membership): £143.00

### Price for single days

Concession: £9.90

Standard: £20.60

Full price: £36.05

UCL200  
**SUMMER festival**  
by **U** STUDENTS' UNION UCL

**Community**

**Dance Day**

**Free!**  
Just  
drop-in

**U** Social  
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Find out more:



***Movement that Matters:***  
**200 minutes of community dance workshops**

Wednesday 3 June, 12:00 - 17:00  
Main Quad, Bloomsbury Campus, UCL

UCL200  
**SUMMER festival**  
by **U STUDENTS' UNION UCL**

# Community Dance Day

We warmly welcome our neighbours, local community groups, schools, families, UCL students and staff to dance, watch, and take part.

## What's Happening on the Day?

Free, drop in dance workshops outside in the Quad of UCL's Main Campus. Sessions are designed to be inclusive and accessible. Come for one session or stay for the whole afternoon. No previous dance experience needed! Come together for light refreshments between workshops. Our friendly volunteers will be on hand to help answer questions or support you throughout the day.

### Salsa Workshops

Discover the energy and connection of Salsa in these social dance sessions, led by the **UCL Salsa Outreach Project**. Expect easy-to-follow steps, infectious energy and plenty of encouragement.

**12:30 – 13:00**

**13:15 – 13:45**

### Maypole Dance Workshops

Pick up a ribbon and join a playful, modern take on traditional Maypole dancing. **FolkDance Remixed** create unique fusions between Folk and Hip Hop styles with live music.

**14:30 – 15:00**

**15:30 – 16:00**

**16:30 – 17:00**

**U Social Impact**

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FolkDance Remixed  
by Natasha Khamjani



# FUN, FREE DAY OUT FOR YOUNG DISABLED PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday 23 May

**Talacre Community Sports Centre**

2.00pm - 6.00pm

Fun activities for young people aged **5 to 25**  
Children should be accompanied by a parent  
or carer throughout the day

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# Saturday 23 May

## Talacre Community Sports Centre 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Enjoy a range of free activities including:

- Health bus
- Gymnastics
- Football
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Boccia
- Soft play
- New Age Curling
- Dance
- Inclusive cycling
- Trampolining
- Rebound therapy

Plus, information stalls to find out about opportunities and disability services in Camden.

For more information contact  
the Sports Development Team on **020 7974 8754**  
or email [sportsdevelopment@camden.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@camden.gov.uk)

### Talacre Community Sports Centre

Address:  
Talacre Community  
Sports Centre,  
Dalby Street,  
NW5 3AF

Bus: 46, 393  
Train: Kentish Town West  
Tube: Kentish Town





# Community Dance Day



Get tickets

Wed, 3 Jun, 12pm - 5pm BST  
[Add to calendar](#)

UCL Main Campus  
London, United Kingdom

Join us for a joyful afternoon of movement, live music, and shared celebration as UCL marks its 200th birthday with a free, family-friendly community dance event.

This open-air gathering brings together people from across the local area for an afternoon of inclusive dance workshops, relaxed socialising, and a vibrant atmosphere.

## Key Information

[Tickets for Community Dance Day](#)

**Date:** Wednesday 3 June 2026

**Time:** 12:00—5:00pm (drop in at any time, with workshop times below)

**Location:** UCL Main Quad, Gower Street, London WC1E

## What is Community Dance?

Community dance is an inclusive and joyful way for people of all ages and abilities to come together through movement. By dancing side by side with members of our shared London community, we're hoping to build a shared sense of connection, wellbeing and belonging.

We warmly welcome our neighbours, local community groups, schools, families, UCL students and staff to dance, watch, and take part.

## What's Happening on the Day?

Throughout the afternoon, we'll be hosting a series of **free, drop-in dance workshops** outside in the Quad of UCL's Main Campus.

Each session is designed to be welcoming and accessible, so everyone can take part in a way that feels right for them.

Dance as much or as little as you like, try something new, or simply soak up the energy and atmosphere.

Light refreshments will be available between workshops, and friendly volunteers will be on hand to help answer questions or support participants.



# FOOTBALL FESTIVAL & YOUNG TRADERS DAY

JOIN OUR EVENTS ON TWO CAMDEN MARKETS!



**Saturday 27 June**



12pm - 6pm



Queen's Crescent  
Market



**Saturday 4 July**



12pm - 6pm



Chalton Street  
Market

## WHAT TO EXPECT



Football skills challenges &  
youth coaching tasters



Young Traders Market



Family entertainment &  
activities



Music and local artists



Self-employment & job hub



Free kids stalls & face  
painting



Young Traders  
**MARKET**



**Camden**



## A MARKET FOR EVERYONE

We're working with the Living Centre, QCCA, The Dome and other local partners to ensure the event is inclusive, welcoming and open to all. Local businesses are also invited to be part of the festival atmosphere!

We want local residents to get involved! Build your skills and try your hand at trading on your very own stall. Contact the markets team to express your interest in getting involved.

Interested in trading or performing?

Contact [MarketsTeam@camden.gov.uk](mailto:MarketsTeam@camden.gov.uk)

## YOUNG TRADERS COMPETITION

Under 31? Got a business idea? Trade on the market and enter the National Young Traders Competition (NMTF).

- Free gazebos available
- Set-up support
- Opportunity to build confidence & skills

## OUR EVENTS ARE...



Local



Sustainable



Community-focused



**Applications are open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes.**

We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September. Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May**.

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.



#### **Young Voices (Ages 8-9)**

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.

#### **Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)**

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to write, rehearse and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

#### **Schedule and location**

Sessions take place on **Saturdays during term time** at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, with additional and extended sessions around performance opportunities.

Young Voices: 10:00–12:00 (September–Easter)

Youth Opera Company: 13:00–16:00

#### **Current members say:**

*"It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Before I joined YOC, I was a bit hesitant about opera, but I now really enjoy it!"*

— 2025 Youth Opera Company member

*"YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in The Magic Flute and in Hansel and Gretel."*

— 2026 Youth Opera Company member

**Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)**

**Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May.** If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at [youthopera@roh.org.uk](mailto:youthopera@roh.org.uk).

# RBO Youth Opera Programmes

# Meet your local councillors



**Jenny  
Mulholland**

**020 7974 2792**

Jenny.Mulholland@camden.gov.uk

**Labour and Co-op**



**Marcus  
Boyland**

**020 7974 2792**

**07815 032 923**

Marcus.Boyland@camden.gov.uk

**Labour**



**Lorraine  
Revah**

**07798 846 584**

**020 7974 6775**

Lorraine.Revah@camden.gov.uk

**Labour**

## Surgery times

Our advice surgeries are held at the following venues. These are drop-in sessions so 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 time.

### **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 Lorraine 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.  
11 am 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.

## In writing

c/o Member Support, Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9JE  
or for more information go to **camden.gov.uk/democracy**

Gospel Oak



# Cost of Living Crisis - Camden Support Available



## Healthy Start pre-paid card and free vitamins

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

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

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

## Cost of Living Crisis Fund Payment

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

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

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

### **How to apply**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Eligibility criteria**

You must have lived in Camden for at least six weeks. We will check the council tax database and if you are not registered then we will come back to you for another form of proof such as a bill, bank statement or benefit letter addressed to you at the address you are claiming for. The faster we receive proof of residency the faster the award can be made.

2. No more than two payments will be made per household in any 12-month period. When you apply, we will check records to see how many awards a household has received. If there is more than one adult or family in the household, the application must come from the person responsible for council tax.

3. You must be over 18 to apply, but we will accept applications from 16 to 18 year olds living independently because we know that not all young people are able to remain at home

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

## The cost-of-living advice bus

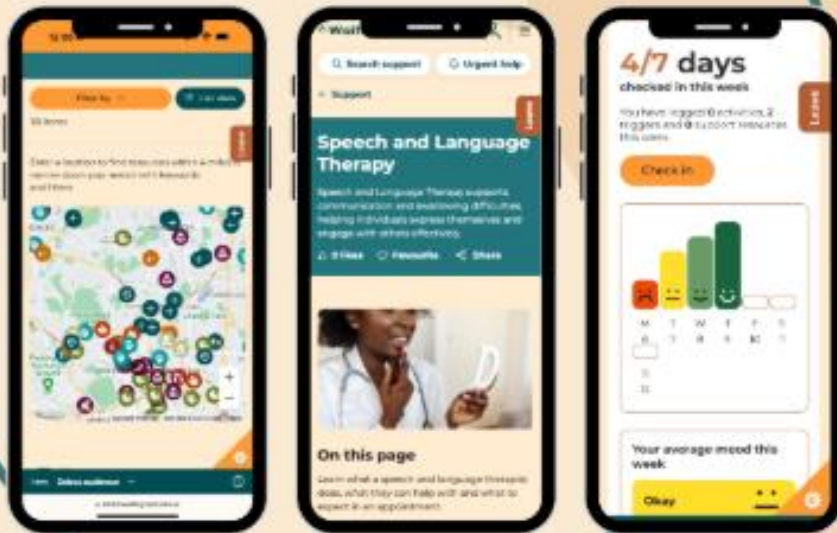
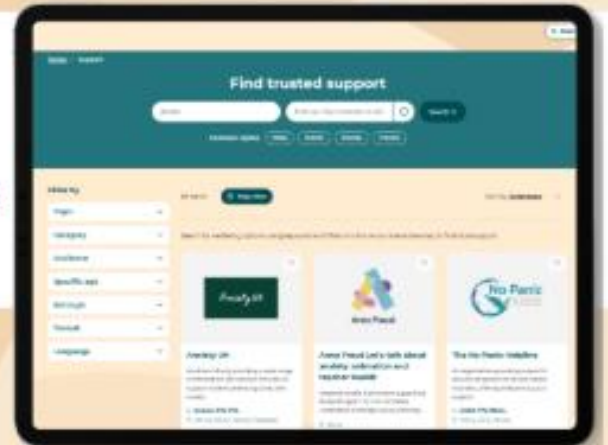
If you're struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and want some help, come along to our advice bus. Run in collaboration with local advice partners, you'll be able to get advice on a range of issues - including money, debt, help finding a job and accessing all the support you're entitled to. In December,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

# Waiting Room

[londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk](https://londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk)



- ★ Your **one-stop shop** to finding mental health support
- ★ Use our **trusted search** to find vetted resources across London & beyond



The information provided by Waiting Room is vital. The links available on the site allow families to know where to turn in the interim giving them more opportunities to find help, feel less alone and "wait well".

**Barnet Resident**



## Create an account today

Make the most of all our features by creating an account



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Set and track your goals



Save your favourites



Read our daily updates

Designed by You, for You

[londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk/contact-us](https://londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk/contact-us)



Young People



Adults



Parents & Carers



Professionals

Get in touch with us using the QR code or the link.



**The  
Children's  
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



Camden Beam at  
Calthorpe Community Garden  
258-274 Gray's Inn Road  
WC1X 8LH

Find out more:  
[childrensociety.org.uk/beam](http://childrensociety.org.uk/beam)  
Service email address:  
[CamdenBeam@childrensociety.org.uk](mailto:CamdenBeam@childrensociety.org.uk)

**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.

To find out more about services and support in your area, or just to ask a question, please phone or call in to your nearest children's centre. We do not charge for our services.



**Pregnant or have a child under five?**  
We can help, come and talk to us



**Children's Centres:**

-  **1a Children's Centre**  
1a Rosebery Avenue ECLR 4SR  
020 7974 7024
-  **Regents Park Children's Centre**  
Augustus Street NW1 3TJ  
020 7974 8954
-  **Harmood Children's Centre**  
1 Forge Place NW1 8DQ  
020 7974 8961
-  **Agar Children's Centre**  
Lulworth, Wrotham Road NW1 9SU  
020 7974 4789
-  **Kilburn Grange Children's Centre**  
1 Palmerston Road NW6 2JL  
020 7974 5080

Find out more:  
[camden.gov.uk/camdensurestart](http://camden.gov.uk/camdensurestart)

**Camden Sure Start**  
Your journey. Our support.



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Pregnancy & New Born Baby

New Born Baby to 2 Years

Child 2 to 5 Years

**Mums, Dads and Carers, come with your children to your local children's centre.**

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

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](http://localoffer.camden.gov.uk)

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# Camden Children's Centre Services

# CAMDEN MHST

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

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.



emotional health & wellbeing in Camden,  
for children, young people and their families

## 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 routines
- Supporting Childhood worries
- Anxiety in Adolescence
- Understanding Adolescent Development

See next page for further details of each workshop, when they are and how to book a place...

## FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOLS PRACTITIONER

If you are interested in getting help, please contact:  
Saoirse Charles—Family Support Worker

# 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](mailto:pccs@camden.gov.uk)



# My SEND Space



## Virtual 1:1 Drop-In Sessions for Young people with SEND (16 - 25)

4pm to 6pm

11 February

11 March

08 April

13 May

10 June

8 July

2026



Free private 30 mins session with a SENDIASS Officer



Microsoft Teams



WhatsApp

- Do you live in Camden and have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND)?
- Do you need information and advice about your education, EHCP, or next steps?
- Do you have any SEND related concerns you want to talk about?

**BOOK NOW**

For joining details please click



**SIGN UP HERE**

OR go to [https://sendiass\\_young\\_people\\_virtual\\_drop\\_ins.eventbrite.com](https://sendiass_young_people_virtual_drop_ins.eventbrite.com)

For more information, please contact the Camden SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) at [sendiass@camden.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@camden.gov.uk)

## Supporting people on a low income with certain free medicines



If you're on a low income - speak to your local pharmacy to find out if you're eligible.

A range of common conditions are covered.

### Supporting people on a low income with certain free medicines 🩺

If you're on a low income, you might be able to get certain medicines for free from your local pharmacy.

A range of common conditions are covered and treating minor illnesses early could help you get better quickly and avoid a visit to your GP.

# Early Years Practitioner

PART TIME, TERM TIME ONLY POSITION AVAILABLE

FROM **SEPTEMBER 26**

Join our Outstanding team at

## **Puss In Boots Nursery School Hampstead NW3**

*Want to work in an Outstanding NW3 Nursery with a dedicated staff team?*

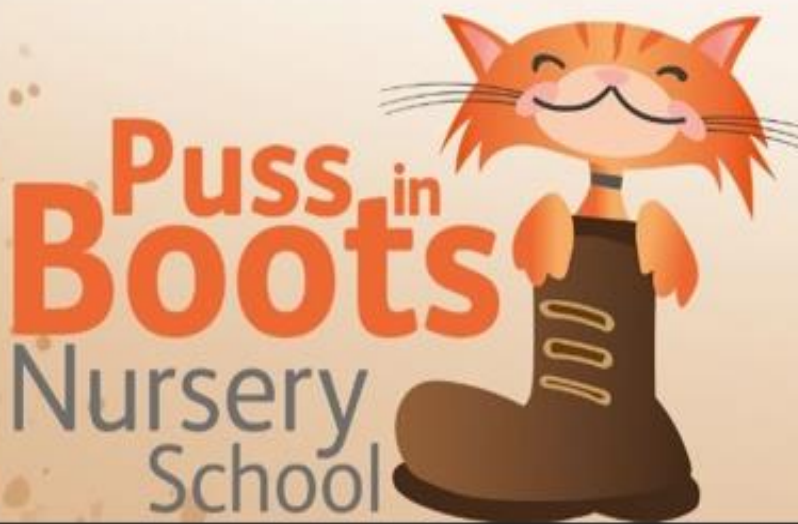
*We are here....and looking for a wonderful person to join us. The applicant should have an understanding of how children learn through play and be able to respond sensitively, fostering children's learning and development. They should be nurturing and caring, and interested in creating a stimulating educational environment.*

***Qualifications: NVQ2/3 desirable but not essential - enthusiasm and a desire to to learn are essential.***

You must be available **5 mornings per week 8.30-1.30pm**

Safeguarding is paramount, DBS and Reference checks will be carried out

**Email [amelia@pussinbootsnursery.co.uk](mailto:amelia@pussinbootsnursery.co.uk) for more information. Applications close 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**





# GOOD WORK CAMDEN

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## The Training & Volunteering Fair

Thursday 4, June 2026

10am-2pm  
North Gower Street  
London NW1 2LY

Join us at Good Work Camden's first Training and Volunteering Fair!

This is a great opportunity to connect with local organisations, training providers and community partners offering a range of volunteering roles and skills development opportunities. Whether you're looking to build experience, gain new skills or take your next step towards employment, there's something for everyone.

Don't miss your chance to get involved and take a step forward in your journey.

The hub is located in the former Maria Fidelis School, easiest access is via Hampstead Road.



### Why attend?

- Connect with local organisations, training providers and community partners
- Explore volunteering opportunities and pathways into employment
- Get support with your CV and try a mock interview
- Build confidence and grow your professional network

Get more information and register online now

[click here to visit our Eventbrite](#)

Quiet Hour from 10-11am  
will be reserved  
for neurodiverse and  
disabled residents.



Inclusivity and accessibility are our top priorities, and we are here to assist with any accommodations you may need. Please contact the event organisers in advance at [jobhub@camden.gov.uk](mailto:jobhub@camden.gov.uk) for any requests or inquiries.

Online  
Course

# Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **Group starting on Tuesday 12 May at 10:00am**



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



**6 online  
sessions**



**6 group  
discussions**



**Certificate on  
completion**

## 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...

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

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: [sfscparent@racefound.org.uk](mailto:sfscparent@racefound.org.uk)



strengthening  
**families**  
strengthening  
communities

# Camden Early Help



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

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

## Early Help



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

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



### How do I get Early Help?

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

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

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

### Other formats

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

### Find out more

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

**E:** LBCMASHadmin@camden.gov.uk

For more information about Early Help visit:

[camden.gov.uk/earlyhelp](http://camden.gov.uk/earlyhelp)

Sure Start 020 7974 8961

[camden.gov.uk/surestart](http://camden.gov.uk/surestart)

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\* free childcare places for eligible 2 year olds



### What's Early Help?

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

### What can you help with?

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

### What does Early Help do?

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

### Early Help services include:

#### Sure Start

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

#### Early Help Co-ordinators

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

#### First Step Early Help

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

#### Families in Focus

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

#### Transformation Team

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

#### Youth Early Help

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



### Every Early Help team will:

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



## Free 24/7 urgent mental health support for young people

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 needed.

Find your local crisis line number [here](#).



**URGENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT 24/7**

**Worried about your mental health?**

Young people and their parents can get urgent support and advice from trained NHS mental health advisors, any time, day or night.

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a telephone line for people in urgent need - including children, young people and their parents. The lines are free to call and open 365 days a year.

AREA	BOROUGHES COVERED	24/7 SUPPORT NUMBERS
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 023 4650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
South West London	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0800 995 1000
	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS STATUS

For this year, all children from Reception—Year 6 will be able to receive a free school meal thanks to the Mayor of London's programme and you don't need to do anything to apply for it—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

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 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.



Recycle 4 Charity

# Treasure Hunt

Attention to all children and teachers!

Find some empty ink cartridges and bring them to the school to turn them into gold!

and when not hiding inside printers they usually look like this

Your school will receive money for them, and you will help the environment with your recycling!

[www.recycle4charity.co.uk](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk)

**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](mailto:brandoncentre.healthyliving@nhs.net) email address.





# 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**



# COOPERATION TOWN

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

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**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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To find out more get in touch with your local organiser or contact us on  
[www.cooperation.town](http://www.cooperation.town) | [info@cooperation.town](mailto:info@cooperation.town) | [@CooperationTown](https://twitter.com/CooperationTown)

# We Make Camden Kit

“Money and support to make citizen's ideas happen”



Are you a Camden citizen, with an idea for the community and in need of some funding?

The We Make Camden Kit gives money and support to Camden residents and community groups who have great ideas for their communities. Decisions on who receives funding and support are made by a panel of Camden residents from across the borough who have diverse experiences of Camden.



Diversity

Young People



Food

Estates and Neighbourhoods



We're supporting projects that provide access to food for all, address diversity in positions of power, improve opportunities for young people, and create sustainable neighbourhoods. Residents can receive support with insurance, safeguarding and connections as well as a grant of up to £2,000.

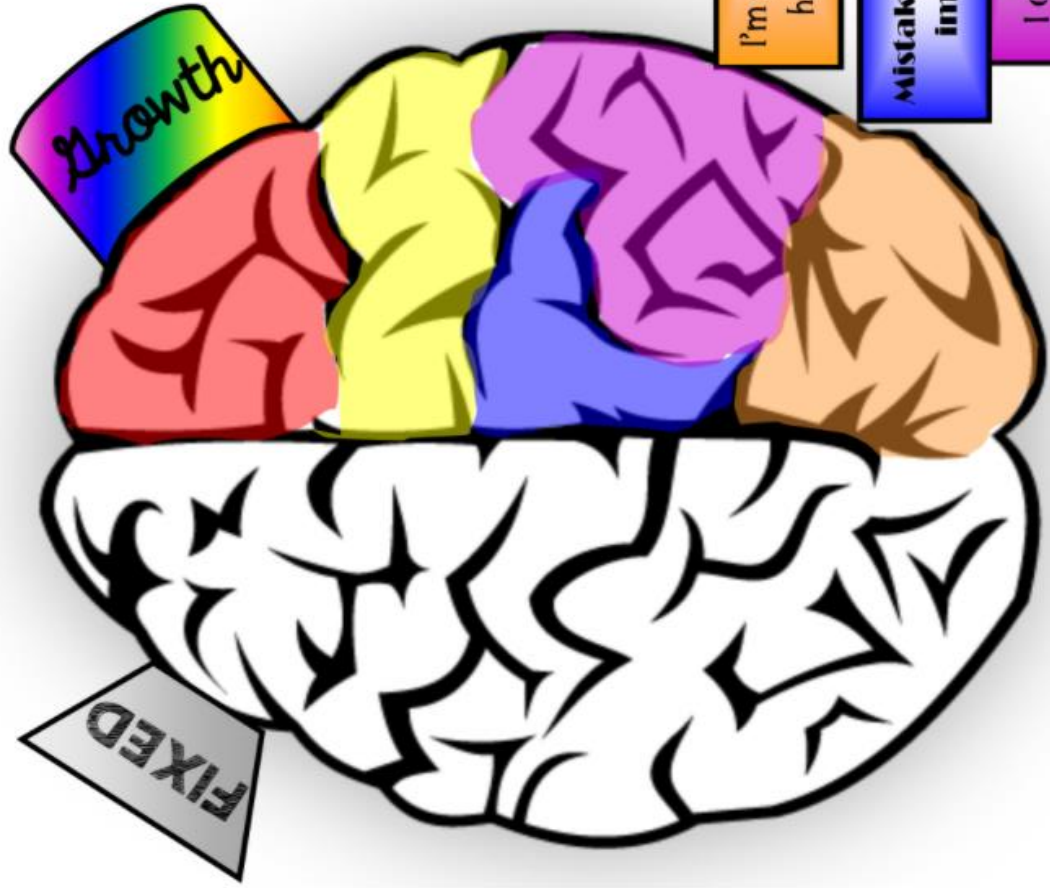
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[grants@camdengiving.org.uk](mailto:grants@camdengiving.org.uk)

07585 715 575

# Change your words Change your *Mindset*

- I give up.
- I can't do math/science/social studies/reading.
- I am awesome at this!
- I can't make this any better.
- I made a mistake!
- I'm never gonna be as good as him/her.
- This is too hard.
- I'm not good at this.
- It's good enough.



- I AM GOING TO TRAIN MY BRAIN IN MATH/SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES/READING!!
- Is this really my best work?
- This may take some time and effort.
- What am I missing?
- I'll use some of the strategies I've learned.
- I'm going to figure out what he/she does and try it!
- I'm on the right track!
- Mistakes help me improve.
- I can always improve; I'll keep trying!

## 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 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 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.

'You cry like a girl'

### 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](http://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.lettoysbetoys.org.uk](http://www.lettoysbetoys.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.

### 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-dominated.
  - 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.

### 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.

### 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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