

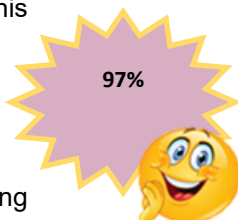


Welcome Back!

I can't tell you how lovely it is to have everyone back to school. We have all missed you. The staff are all so pleased to have the children back and to be returning to some kind of normality.

Well done to you all for getting your children back to school. We have 97% attendance this week which is excellent. Keep it up!

We really appreciate how quickly you have got to grips with the new arrangements for dropping off and collecting your children. It is running very smoothly now.



Thank you for your co-operation as this is really supporting us in keeping everybody safe and well.



The children are making sure they follow the rules for hygiene and keeping safe.

We have also staggered playtimes and lunchtimes so that no year groups are mixing.



It is very important to have everybody here so that we can get back to learning the curriculum and filling any gaps in learning. The more the children are in school, the less curriculum learning

they miss. This will significantly help to reduce any risk of falling behind later in their education.

Learning and the Curriculum

All children in schools across England work to the national curriculum.

Assessment tests (SATs, GCSE, etc.) in Primary and Secondary schools are based on this curriculum.

We are busy assessing all the children to see what standards they are currently at and what gaps they have in their learning as a result of the school time they have missed.

We use this information to decide what they need to learn next. Depending on where they are at, this might mean starting their current year's curriculum or going back over some of the previous year's curriculum.

Our teachers and leaders are very experienced at assessment and planning for learning. They are quickly getting all children back on the right programme of learning for them.

While we are catching children up, we will cover all subjects. However, there will be a greater focus on English and Maths with more time being spent on these subjects.



Please continue to help your child to catch up by making sure they read each night, do any homework they are given and learn their number bonds/times tables.

All staff will be working very hard to make sure all children are well supported and focused on their learning.

When the Department for Education make additional funds available to schools, these will also be used to provide additional support for pupils to help them to catch up in their learning.



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School Meals

Please use our online payment system to pay for your child's meals in advance. The cost of a school meal is £2.22 per day. The weekly cost is £11.10 per child.

If you need help with setting up your on-line account please contact the School Business Manager, Caroline Meah, who can assist you. Phone the school office on 02073875909 and ask to speak to Ms Meah. If she is not available when you call, leave your contact number and she will get back to you.

Please remember your child must stay on either a packed lunch or a school dinner for all weeks of each half term. If, at the beginning of a new half term, you wish to change your child's meal preference, please complete a new meals option form that you can get by contacting the school office. If you think your family may be entitled to a free school meal please go to <https://www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals> to make an application.

Relationship Education

As you will be aware, we had planned to hold meetings with parents/guardians of each year group to discuss our syllabus for Relationship Education with you. We were unable to proceed with these meetings due to COVID restrictions.

We are very pleased to see that the DfE recognises the pressures on schools currently and the additional workload for staff in trying to manage school reopening and in ensuring all children catch up on any learning they may have missed while they were away from school. As a result, they have pushed back the deadline for teaching Statutory Relationship Education to the Summer Term 2021.

This gives us time to be able to consult sensibly with parents/guardians. The leadership team are currently putting together a plan to enable this consultation whilst upholding social distancing and other COVID prevention measures. We will shortly be in touch with you to inform you of how this will take place. Relationship Education will not take place until after this consultation.

Keeping each other safe

It is very important that we all do our utmost to prevent the spread of COVID, enabling schools to remain open and avoiding further gaps in children's education. We must all do our bit to enable this to happen.

Please watch out for any of the following symptoms:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss or change to sense of taste or smell

It must be noted and understood by all parents/guardians that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- Remain at home if they have symptoms of Covid-19 [self-isolation](#)
- book a test if they, or their child, is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 [book a test](#)
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they test positive
- self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops Covid-19 symptoms or someone who tests positive for the virus

Parents/guardians must inform the school immediately of the results of a test. You should do this by phoning 02073875909 and asking to speak to the Headteacher, the Deputy Headteacher or the School Business Manager.

If you are unsure of what to do, please contact the school and we can advise and support you.

If anyone develops symptoms, it's really important that they self-isolate to prevent them from passing on the virus and get tested via nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

Camden Council recognises that some residents are worried about their ability to self-isolate. The Council may be able to support them to do so. Residents who need to access support to self-isolate can call the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

Please remember that this is the season of colds and flu. Coughs and temperatures are all part of that. However, if you or your child has any of the above symptoms, it is still vital that you seek medical advice. It is important to make sure the symptoms are not COVID related before your child can return to school.

Can we please also urge you to arrange to have a flu vaccination soon and to ensure your child/children have one also. This will help prevent additional illnesses and also assist in alleviating pressure on the NHS whilst they are looking after those with COVID.

The Annual School Flu Vaccination for Children in Reception to Year 6 will be taking place in school soon. The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. More information and consent forms will be sent out to you next week.

[Protecting your child against flu](#)

Term Dates

THIS IS CLEARLY NOT A SENSIBLE TIME TO BE ORGANISING HOLIDAYS. HOWEVER, WE REMIND YOU THAT HOLIDAY LEAVE DURING TERM TIME WILL NOT BE GRANTED.

2020—2021 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff INSET Day	Thursday 3rd September
Staff INSET Day	Friday 4th September
Children Start	Monday 7th September
Half Term Holiday	Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2020
Last Day of Term	Thursday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2021

Staff INSET Day	Monday 4 th January
Staff INSET Day	Tuesday 5th January
Children Start	Wednesday 6th January
Half Term Holiday	Monday 15 th to Friday 19 st February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2021

Staff INSET Day	Monday 19th April
Children Start	Tuesday 20th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

KEEPING YOU SAFE

Communications to you will be placed on the school website. If you receive letters home, such as this newsletter, strict hygiene measures are in place whilst handling them by adults in school.

Children will have two sets of homework books. Whilst one set is at home, the other set will remain in school for marking and to allow for them to be quarantined before being sent home again.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

We trust that you are taking similar safety measures to help keep us safe too.

Thank you!

