



End of Term

We are almost at the end of what has been an extraordinary academic year. As we look forward to the beginning of the new academic year we hope that we can all experience a greater sense of normality. As COVID restriction have lifted, we are all looking forward to greater freedoms. However, we need to proceed with caution to give ourselves the best chance of ensuring pupils have a full year at school next academic year. Please be mindful of maintain some precautionary measures when in higher risk situations such as on public transport or in big crowds—e.g. maintaining hand washing, wearing a mask on public transport and socially distancing when necessary.

When we return to school in September, the following arrangements will apply:

School opening time, dropping pupils off — 8.45am

The following pupils will enter through the **Camden Street Main Gate**:

- Nursery pupils — parent/guardian can accompany them to the classroom door
- Reception pupils — parent/guardian can accompany them to the classroom door
- Year 1 pupils — parent/guardian can accompany them to the classroom door
- All other year groups — pupils **with siblings in other classes** only

The following pupils will enter through the **Pitch Gate**:

- Pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 **with no siblings in other classes**

Parents/guardians of pupils from Year 2 upwards do not need to escort their children into the school, just make sure they have come safely through the Camden Street entrance or Pitch Gate.

School closing time, collecting pupils — 3.30pm

The following pupils will exit through the **Camden Street Main Gate**:

- Nursery pupils—parent/guardian can collect them from the classroom door
- Reception pupils—parent/guardian can collect them from the classroom door
- Year 1 pupils—parent/guardian can collect them from the classroom door
- All other year groups (Year 2,3,4,5 and 6 pupils **with siblings in other classes**)—parents/guardians collect from the Key Stage 1 Playground

The following pupils will exit through the **Pitch Gate**:

- Pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 **with no siblings in other classes** — parents/guardians to collect from the Pitch gate nearest the school and exit through the pitch gate nearest the Community Centre.

YEAR 6

It is time to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 classes. It has been a privilege to have been part of their educational journey to this point. Now it is time for them to start the next stage of that exciting journey. They have been a big part of our school life for many years and they will be greatly missed. We will keep cherished memories of their time here. We wish them the very best of luck for the future and we look forward to hearing all about your future successes.

We will also be saying goodbye to some of our families where their Year 6 child is the last family member in our school. Some of you have had children at our school over a great number of years. We want to thank you all for your contribution to our school and the wonderful friendships we have shared. We will miss you all—please come back and visit.



Goodbye and Thank you

Sadly we have to say goodbye to some members of staff who are leaving us at the end of term:

- Mr Scrivano will be returning to training to become a teacher.
- Miss Neilson will be moving abroad and taking up a teaching position there.
- Ms Charles, who was covering maternity leave, will be moving to another school
- Ms Carter will be taking up a permanent post at another school.

We want to thank them all for all their hard work at Richard Cobden School and we wish them all the very best of luck for the future.

Welcome

We would like to welcome back Miss Pratt who has now returned from maternity leave. We are delighted to have her back on the team.

Miss Stewart will be taking over as music teacher until Ms Carroll's return.

We will also be joined by two new teachers, Miss Marquand and Ms Lawson, who are joining our teaching team in September.

We welcome all our new staff and we look forward to working with them.

Certificates of Achievement

Well done to our most recent certificate winners who were nominated for achieving well in their learning or behaviour. These children will be presented with their certificates in assembly:

Nursery Larch: Khaled Hassan Abdullahi, Haadiyah Ali, Oluwakemi Elliott-Rhoomes, Idris Rashid

Reception Ash: Salman Mahamoud

Year 1: Ryan Ahmed, Qaalid Siidomar Ahmed, Yahya Ali, Zachary Maurice

Year 2: Ibrahim Mohamud, Modina Moshin, Mohammed Koucha, Phoenix Maurice

Year 4: Yusuf Khan, Ziyad Shah-Coakley, Tariq Dadah Ali, Tayibah Islam, Aamira Ali

Year 5: Zam-Zam Ibrahim, Sufyan Salman, Musa Chowdhury

Year 6: Adam Hersi, Khadija Ahmed, Enes Misini, Mawada Caarif

Well done everyone!



We want to wish you all a very happy and peaceful holiday. Let's hope the sun keeps shining—but not too much! Hopefully, you will get to spend some quality time with your families and friends.

If there are any changes to our plans for September due to changes in COVID developments or restrictions, we will communicate with you via our website. Please check the website before our return for any updates.

School closes on Friday 23rd July 2021.

Please come to your current pick up point – either the Sports Pitch or the Camden Street gate at the following times. Collection times are as follows:

Camden Street entrance (Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3) **at 1.15pm**

Camden Street entrance (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children with no brothers/sisters in school) **at 1.25pm**

Sports Pitch entrance (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 with younger siblings) **at 1.25pm**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Staff INSET Day Wednesday 1st September

Staff INSET Day Thursday 2nd September

Staff INSET Day Friday 3rd September

Children Start **Monday 6th September**

Half Term Holiday Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Last Day of Term Friday 17th December

SPRING TERM 2022

Staff INSET Day Tuesday 4th January

Children Start Wednesday 5th January

Half Term Holiday Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February

Last Day of Term Friday 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Staff INSET Day Tuesday 19th April

Children Start Wednesday 20th April

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Last Day of Term Friday 22nd July

22 July 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Changes to contact tracing in schools and colleges

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July. Please take the time to read this letter carefully as it sets out what you need to do **if your child tests positive for COVID during the school holidays.**

One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that routine contact tracing in the event of a positive case of COVID will change. Education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

However, Camden Local Authority have asked schools to continue to facilitate contact tracing until the 28th of July 2021 as set out in section 1 below. The arrangements in section 2 below provide information on what you need to do in the event of a positive COVID case from the 29th July 2021.

Please read what you must do for each of the above situations below.

1. Positive test result between Saturday 24th July and Wednesday 28th July 2021

It is very important that anybody who tests positive for COVID-19 continues to self-isolate, and that their household members do the same. If a pupil tests positive for COVID-19 within the first 5 days of the holiday (having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being at school), you must inform the school as we will need to track pupils and staff who had contact with the pupil who has tested positive. They will need to self-isolate also.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus during the holidays, having developed symptoms within 48 of being in school (i.e. develop symptoms on the evening of Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th or Sunday 25th July 2021) you must inform the school using the following email address: COVID-19.Reporting@rcobden.camden.sch.uk

In your email, please provide the following information:

Name of child

Did the child have symptoms or not?

What date did symptoms start? (this can be any feeling of being unwell, not just the three COVID symptoms)

Date that test swab was taken

Date child was last in school

Has anyone else been unwell with COVID in your household?

Your contact phone number in case more information is needed

A member of the leadership team will be monitoring this email account each day. If a positive case is reported, we will trace all relevant families and staff who need to self-isolate.

If a pupil tests positive for COVID-19 **after** the 28th July 2021, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after being at school (i.e. Monday 26th July 2021, or later), you do not need to inform the school. You must follow the instruction below for **Positive test result from Thursday 29th July 2021 in section 2 below.**

2. Positive test result from Thursday 29th July 2021 – information provided by the Department for Education.

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.

This section sets out in more detail below how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Self-isolating and taking a test

If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), they and other members of their household must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of the LFD test.
3. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.
4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.

Contact tracing

5. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

6. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).

Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts


7. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.

8. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.

9. From 16 August, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take an PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families, and staff have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you have done.

Yours sincerely,



Kathy Bannon
Headteacher

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.