



Thursday 4th June 2020

Dear everyone,

It has been lovely to have so many children back this week - 75% on average across the 4 year groups - and to begin to feel normal again. I hope more families will gain confidence to join us soon. I've attached some London data which you may find interesting and re-assuring. We all hope the national picture continues to improve too.

The children were all a little reserved at first, but soon settled into new routines and I think enjoyed the playtimes too, being back with friends! The Home Zone welcome area is turning into a real positive as staff can see more parents and parents get a lovely run and hug at the end of a session!

We are proud of our knee-operated warm water hand washing troughs – an idea stolen from Wick Court Farm - and our crack team of cleaners! The school is being cleaned 3 times a day – even the firemans' poles (we delegated that one to Coach Martin).



Children not yet back at school in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6

As mentioned in previous communications, we cannot sustain an online classroom and in-school learning for these year groups. We'd recommend BBC Bitesize and Oak Academy (all that many schools have done since lockdown) as a starting point and teachers will repeat their list of recommended sites on google classrooms.

Years 2 3 4 and 5

Some parents have asked if their children can come back because their siblings have, because they are struggling with this extended period of home learning or they have additional learning needs. At the moment we are following national guidance, which is that **only children with parents on the key worker list and those other pupils considered eligible under government guidelines may attend in Years 2 3 4 and 5**. Our teachers in these year groups are sharing the teaching of this substantial group as well as sustaining their google classrooms for home learning.

I'm really sorry. The model we have set up at EP is specifically so that, when we are given the green light, we CAN accept all other year groups into our half day model. The provisional date given by government is 22 June. We very much want this to happen! Fingers crossed.

Google classrooms will carry on for these classes.

Phone calls will continue for all children, whatever year group, still at home. It might be a different grown up. Please don't wait – just call us if you have any queries.



Snacks

As the national fruit scheme is suspended until September, a reminder to all those children in school that they may bring a healthy snack; fruit, cereal bars - no crisps, no chocolate - for break.

Age UK

As we are open to more children and want to limit access to the school for visitors, we will no longer be a drop off point for Age UK Camden. They are hugely appreciative of all your kind donations. Thank you!

NO INSET Day Monday 8th June

Next Monday was an INSET day on the calendar, but we will not be taking this day and school will be open both on site and online.

COVID-19 testing

Is now available to anyone - including under 5s - who develops new coronavirus symptoms. To book a test, go to the [national coronavirus testing website](#) or phone 119.

Testing is most effective within the **first three days** of a person experiencing symptoms. If you have any questions about coronavirus testing, please contact covid-19queries@camden.gov.uk.

We have gleaned that testing sites are mobile and locations change. We will ensure we have up to date information – just ask. We know for example, that mobile sites are in Camden this weekend.

Everything tumbles in our new regime if a child comes into school ill, and possibly with covid so I will persist in reminding you not to send your child in if they are symptomatic.

YOU MUST keep your child off if they (or any of you) show any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature). Your child might seem fatigued.
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

UKMT

We are pleased that this is being made available online! If you are in Years 5 or 6 look out for special details posted in Miss Frood's Maths Room. It will detail how you can practise and how to access the test on the day. We will do it one day at the end of June.

Golden Book Assembly – now just for Years 2 3 4 and 5!

In the absence of our Friday celebratory assembly, we nominate a home learning superstar from each class each week. Book Bingo chocolate stocks will be delivered to your door by Miss Frood. We are waiting a little longer to choose superstars as we've just got back into it after half term.

And finally, cast your mind back to life before lockdown and all that EP did! It's the time of the year when we ask parents – and staff, children, governors and the local authority – to reflect on the year and give us feedback. We are VERY aware that this has been an extraordinary time but we hope that you will feel able to answer the questions. This year – of course - it is an online questionnaire.



You can either click this hyperlink

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Parent20/>

or simply hold you phone camera up to this QR code. It should take you to a short questionnaire. We'd ask that you do it by **Friday 12th June**.



With thanks for your continued support – and love - from all the staff at EP,

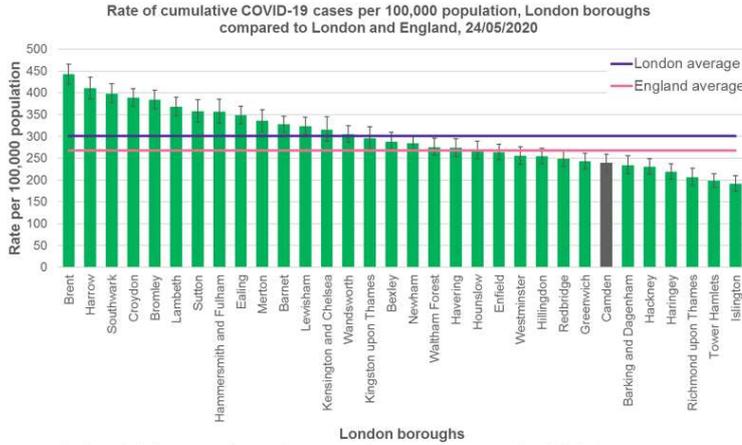
Kate Ford

P.S. Never wanting to miss a chance to be creative, we've made a giant coronavirus sculpture hung with memories of lockdown!





Cumulative Case Rates – All London Boroughs



Note: Rates have been calculated using 2018 mid-year population estimates, the most up-to-date estimates when published. These are rates based off the cumulative number of lab confirmed cases on the 24/05/2020.
Source: COVID-19 dashboard PHE
<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

- Camden has the 7th lowest cumulative COVID-19 case rate in London at 240 per 100,000 population.
- This is statistically significantly lower than the rates for England and London (301 and 268 per 100,000 respectively).
- The R number for London is currently estimated to be 0.4. This signifies the average number of people that one infected person will pass the virus on to is 0.4, which indicates infection rates are falling.
- The equivalent R number for Camden (or other London Boroughs) cannot be calculated due to small numbers of local cases.