

Good morning to you all, I hope you and your own families are all doing ok.

Today is Windrush Day; a time to celebrate the incredible generation who came to the UK on board the Windrush in 1948 but also a time to remember how hostile and unequal the UK environment and society has been for those men, women and children. Many faced horrific racism, are still waiting for compensation and for the recommendations of the Windrush report to be implemented. That fight for justice continues, and has been never more important for us to support.

However you choose to mark Windrush Day, here is a link to some free resources to help bring more black history into our classrooms (my 7 year old and I will be doing some of these in home learning today) <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/blog/windrush-day> and if you're looking for something for the grown ups, I can highly recommend 'Small Island' – it's a powerful account of a Windrush story and now available to watch for free on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pac-Furijsw>. My mum was born in Trinidad in 1952 and we watched this play together last year; it had strong resonance for her.

You will no doubt have seen that it looks likely the Government will be announcing further lifting of shutdown measures some time this week including a possible move from 2 metre social distancing to 1 metre. I will as always review these measures carefully and refer back to our emergency management plan, which guides our decision making.

There is a huge amount of activity going on behind the scenes to get us ready for our eventual return to face-to-face working and using the office, including scenario planning, service risk assessments, identifying alternative venues for visits, and exploration of other sector approaches. I'll be holding a whole service meeting in the second week in July to give you more information. For now, keep working from home. I promised you that we would do this calmly, patiently and in a planned and thoughtful way, and we will be sticking to that.

Updates for you this week:

Use of Office Accommodation Survey

Thank you very much to everyone who has already completed the survey on how you're feeling about returning to the office and face-to-face visits. I've learned a huge amount from your responses, and they are making sure our preparation work keeps your needs front and centre. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey yet, it would be great if you could spend just a couple of minutes completing the link here [FSCF SURVEY - RETURNING TO OFFICES AND VISITS](#) to make sure your voice is heard and listened to. The survey will close Friday 26 June.

Individual Risk Assessments

On behalf of our SMT, I made a representation to the Director of People and Inclusion to ask for a culturally competent occupational risk assessment for COVID, and for training sessions on the risk assessment. An updated risk assessment form has now been issued, which will really help us all to assess and mitigate risks particularly for our BAME staff. Information about this is now on the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/fscf-procedures-during-covid/face-to-face-and-home-visits-guidance/>. If you're considering a face-to-face visit with a family in an open space, please complete a risk assessment with your line manager before the visit takes place. Over the coming weeks, we will do a risk assessment with every staff member as part of our getting ready for returning to face-to-face visits and meetings.

Webinar – Child Exploitation and COVID

Following a suggestion in last weeks Family Needs Survey, I'm delighted that Dez Holmes, Director of Research in Practice and founding member of the national Tackling Child

Exploitation Support Programme, will be doing a webinar for us on child exploitation and COVID. The webinar will be on Monday 13 July, 10.30 – 11.45am. For those who haven't heard Dez speak before, I can guarantee you a thoughtful, practical and inspiring session on this challenging subject. Calendar invite to follow.

Free School Meals Now Being Provided This Summer

Many of you will have seen Marcus Rashford's magnificent campaign to get free school meals provided for eligible children during the summer holidays. It now looks like children eligible for FSM will receive a voucher to cover the 6 weeks. More details to follow as soon as we get them.

Free At-Home Physical Activity Packs

Camden & Islington Public Health is providing simple physical activity resource packs for vulnerable primary school-age children and families to help them be more active during lockdown and beyond. These are going out via schools but I've managed to get 20 packs to give direct to our families, so if you'd like one for a family, please let your line manager know.

Making Every Conversation Count Online Training

Camden and Islington MECC have put on more of their Good Conversations Skills online training. You can book on one of the online courses here (click the 'courses' button, there are lots more dates than the 'upcoming courses' shown on the front screen)

<https://www.camdenmecc.org.uk/>

Updated Government Guidance on Travelling to the UK

The Government has introduced new regulations for people travelling to the UK. This includes the requirement to complete a public health passenger contact form 48 hours before travel, and to self isolate for 14 days on arrival in the UK. The guidance has been uploaded to the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/covid-nhs-and-government-information/travelling-to-the-uk/>

Webinar – Harmful Parental Conflict and Programmes to Help

A reminder that this weeks webinar on Thursday 25 June 1.30 – 2.30 is on harmful parental conflict with Sarah Ingram, Programme Manager at Tavistock Relationships. A calendar invite has gone out, but let me know if you need this again.

Weekly Survey

Please take 5 minutes to complete this weeks family needs survey here (use this link as we start a new survey each week) [FSCF FAMILY NEEDS SURVEY W/C 22 JUNE](#) . Thanks for continuing to complete this each week, it really does help to make sure we are getting you useful information and resources.

New information uploaded to the COVID Guidebook this week (web-based guidebook link here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/>

and One Note guidebook link here [FSCF COVID GUIDEBOOK](#)):

CARAF Centre (NW5) The CARAF Centre in QC are offering a range of online supports for black and minority ethnic and low income families during COVID https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/local-community-sources-of-	KCNBA (WC1) Kings Cross and Brunswick Neighbourhood Association are providing online support with benefits and other advice for Bangladeshi and Somali families, plus online youth support and help with getting supplies for people shielding or self-isolating. https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-	Resilient Families Conversation Cards and Working in Partnership Cards Copies of the Resilient Families 'Starting Out' cards and the working in partnership cards we use for contracting with families and during reviews are now uploaded. https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-
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Face Masks and Coverings A new section with information and when and how to wear face masks. Remember face masks must be worn on public transport and on hospital visits. https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/covid-nhs-and-government-information/face-masks-and-face-coverings/#main	Individual Risk Assessments If you're planning to do a face-to-face visit with a family in an open space, please talk with your line manager before the visit about completing an individual risk assessment https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/fscf-procedures-during-covid/face-to-face-and-home-visits-guidance/	

We are now in week 14 of the shutdown, and our capacity and referral rate continues to hold steady. I want to particularly mention this week our colleagues in the Family Check In Service who came to help us out from a wide range of other Council departments including IYSS, IEYS and Childrens Commissioning. Check-in Service was put together in 4 days just before the shutdown started in March. Since then, coordinated by Ed Magee, Check-in Service have supported nearly 200 children from 100 families, helping problem solve, connecting families quickly to the right help, and giving extra TLC to families with lower level needs. They are staying open during the summer holidays to give an extra Keeping In Touch option for schools. The service has been highly valued by schools, nurseries, the VCS, colleagues at front door, the shielding contact team, and by the many parents who have self-referred. Check-in Service – we see you and we sincerely thank you for everything you've done and continue to do.

There won't be an email update next week as I am on leave, but if anything significant changes then your service managers will of course let you know asap, and I will write out to you all again when I am back on 6 July.

Stay safe and well, and as always if there is anything I can do for you please do shout.

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