

Good morning to you all, I hope you and your own families are all doing ok, and a particular shout out to those of you who had the very tough few days over GCSE and A Level results weeks, either in your own families or with families you're working with. I can only imagine how difficult it was; I hope the eventual grades were what you hoped for, and that the next step for your child is one they are looking forward to.

Brief updates for you this week as we head towards the end of the summer period:

Black Lives Matter Update

I'll be emailing you all separately with an update on our work in the last month in response to Black Lives Matter, and work coming up in September.

Camden COVID Cases

You may have seen media reports that whilst Camden COVID cases remain low, there has been a small increase in the last three weeks. The message that has been put out is below. We will of course continue to monitor this carefully, and be assured that I get regular (often daily) emails from Camden and Islington Public Health, so we will know if or when anything changes and whether we are advised to do anything differently.

KEEP CAMDEN SAFE

While rates of coronavirus remain low across Camden, there has been a small increase in cases over the past three weeks. Help keep each other safe and keep cases low by following this advice. Camden Council can help if you need support to self-isolate – phone 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

STAY SAFE

- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds
- Keep 2 metres away from people you don't live with, where possible
- You must wear a face covering on public transport and in indoor public spaces where safe social distancing may be difficult, except restaurants with table service, bars and pubs.

LOOK OUT FOR SYMPTOMS

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

GOT SYMPTOMS? STAY AT HOME AND GET TESTED

- Self-isolate for 10 days
- Anyone you live with must self-isolate for 14 days

Request a test online at nhs.uk/coronavirus **OR CALL 119**

KEEP LONDON SAFE **NHS** Test and Trace **Camden**

Eviction Ban Extended – But Only for 4 Weeks

You may have seen that the Government has extended the temporary ban on evictions during COVID until 20 September. Whilst this is welcome, it means families who may be in insecure tenancies or in rent arrears due to COVID particularly in the private rented sector, may face the threat of eviction again in a few short weeks. If you are working with a family where this may be an issue, there are lots of organisations working to help families at risk of eviction <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/rents-tenancies-evictions-and-council-tax/>. As we said last week on debt advice and employment

support, it is worth seeking help for families at risk of eviction quickly, as support services are likely to be in high demand in the coming weeks.

Zoom Q and A session for Camden Parents on Returning To School

Camden and Islington Public Health are putting on a webinar/Q and A on 3 September 12-1.30pm, for Camden parents about children returning to school. Here is a link to the booking page [Return to School Q and A Event](#) with a variety of experts to give parents an opportunity to ask questions and find out more information. If you're working with parents or children who are feeling anxious about the return to school, or who have questions they would like to ask, please do let them know about this event. FSCF will be on the Zoom call too.

Ofsted – Possible Visit in the Autumn Term

Ofsted are resuming their inspection schedule next month, and because we were due an inspection this year, it is likely they will be with us at some point during the autumn term for what they are calling an extended focussed visit. This will be like a mini-inspection; we don't have full details yet, but you can find out more here in this 2 minute video <https://youtu.be/6px7sWSqgEU>. The inspection is likely to focus on our decision making and help to children and families during COVID. As always, we expect Ofsted to look at our case files and to talk to some of you about your experiences of working with children and families in Camden.

Extended SMT and I are revisiting our Ofsted readiness work that we started in March before COVID, and looking at all of our audits, procedures, practice and management oversight during the COVID period, especially from lockdown. As soon as we know more about what to expect from the visit, we'll share this with you in team meetings and a whole service briefing so we can all get ready together. For now, my only ask of you is that you make sure your casenotes are all up to date and on Mosaic, and that you contribute to the case studies your service managers are gathering – you have some incredible stories to tell about your work, so lets tell them.

Visits to Team Meetings

I'll be visiting your team meetings in the next few weeks, to listen to your experiences of returning to face-to-face work and using 5PS, your feedback about working at home, and for you to tell me what you might want or need in the coming weeks and months. We'll also be having a whole service briefing later in September, and the weekly anonymous survey will be open every week until at least mid October. Your daily lived experience of this next phase of COVID is incredibly important, and I want to keep connected to whether the things we're doing are working ok for you and families, and what needs changing.

Weekly Survey

The weekly survey is open for you to let me know about any family needs emerging over the summer, and to tell me how the return to face-to-face work is going for you and for families. This weeks survey link is here [FSCF FAMILY NEEDS SURVEY W/C 24 AUGUST](#)

New information uploaded to the COVID Guidebook this week link here

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/>

Superdrug Join the Domestic Violence Safe Space Scheme Superdrug are the latest store to offer a safe space for DV victims to seek support from specialist services. Available at all Superdrug stores with an in-house pharmacy https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/conflict-or-violence-in-the-home/safe-spaces-	More Summer Activities The Dome at QCCA are now delivering activities 4 evenings a week, and Eat Club a live cook-in challenge three times a week from Dragon Hall Soapbox Youth Centre https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/childrens-	Employment Rights Hub A new initiative from the London Assembly containing a range of information and advice about employee rights, in a range of languages https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-
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<p>Test and Trace App – Newham Pilot</p> <p>Newham Council is piloting the Government test and trace app ahead of a planned national rollout. More info here</p> <p>https://www.newham.gov.uk/news/article/488/new-nhs-test-and-trace-app-to-be-rolled-out-to-newham-residents-to-beat-covid-19</p>	<p>TFL Return to School Transport</p> <p>TFL have issued new guidance on transport for children returning to school, and also said on 18 August that there are no changes to free travel for children and young people in September.</p> <p>https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/schools/transport-for-london-info-for-schools/#main</p>	

We are now in week 23 of COVID, and our capacity and referral rate continues to hold steady. Stay safe and well and, as always, shout if there is anything you need.

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