

COVID Email Update 14 June 2021

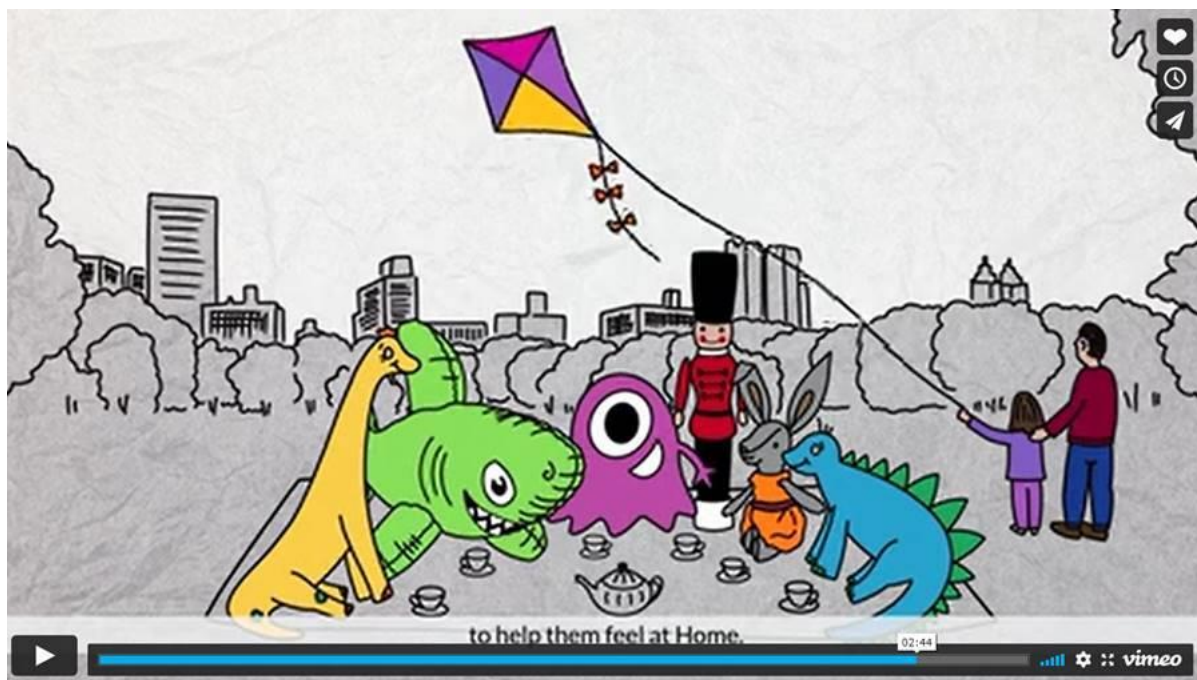
Good morning to you all, I hope you and your families are all doing okay.

We expect an announcement from the Government later today about the final stage of lockdown lifting. Some news outlets are reporting there will be a delay to the lifting of restrictions. We will of course monitor this carefully throughout the day and I will be in contact with you again tomorrow or Wednesday. Each of us will have our own view on the lifting of restrictions and each of us is affected in our personal and professional lives in different ways. As ever, we are all here for each other, and if today's announcement feels difficult in any way, please do reach out to your line manager, a friend or someone you trust so that we can be beside you.

This week also marks the start of Refugee Week with the theme of '*we cannot walk alone*'. One of my strongest memories of COVID will be the opening of four COVID contingency hotels in Camden by the Home Office. Since the start of COVID, over 6,000 people seeking asylum have been accommodated in these hotels in London across 23 boroughs. There are just under 500 people living in the four centres in Camden today.

Well over 100 children and families seeking sanctuary have found themselves in Camden, without friends, family or belongings in the middle of a global pandemic. The huge Camden community heart has mobilised, with services and residents working together to build scaffolding networks around them, to make sure no child or family would have to walk alone and everyone belongs in this borough. I feel proud that our service lent, and continues to lend, our hands and hearts to that effort.

Refugee Week have a wonderful website here <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/> and this 3 minute video for primary school children from Kazzum Arts says it all <https://www.kazzum.org/wykamblog/htfah>



Updates for you this week:

Vaccinations Now Available for People Aged 25 and Over

A reminder that vaccinations are now available for all people aged 25 and over. You can find more information about booking vaccinations on the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/covid-nhs-and-government-information/vaccinations/#main>

Free Electric Bike Hire for Key Workers

We flagged this last October but as the weather is getting better just a reminder that Lime are offering free rides on their electric bikes for all Camden key workers. You can find more info on the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/parking-and-transport-for-workers/bikes-for-key-workers/>

Save The Date – Whole Service Meeting to Plan for 2022 and Beyond

After the amazing work of the Family Changemakers project, we have a firm foundation on which to build what our services should look and feel like in a post-COVID world. We all have a vested interest in getting this right; you live and breath the work every single day and we are all motivated by wanting to make a difference for Camden children and families. We also want to make our working lives as fulfilling as possible.

I'd like us to come together to co-create what the future of Family Early Help should look and feel like, using the Changemaker design vision as a basis. This is so we all participate and have agency in the decision making. We'll explore the work of the Changemaker Expert Parent Group, reflect on the questions below, and connect our ideas to both the Changemaker vision and to our racial justice and equity goals. I've set a provisional date of 12 July 10am – 1pm for this. Calendar invite and further details to follow.

<p>END</p> <p>We've done these things in response to immediate needs but they are specific to the crisis</p> <p>I wouldn't want to keep doing these things after COVID</p>	<p>AMPLIFY OR KEEP</p> <p>We've been able to do or try these new things during the crisis, they show signs of promise for the future and they make sense to help achieve the vision of the Family Changemakers</p> <p>I'd like to keep doing or trying these things after COVID</p>
<p>LET GO</p> <p>We've been able to stop doing some things that were already unfit for purpose or will be unfit for purpose post-COVID</p> <p>I wouldn't want to bring these things back after COVID</p>	<p>RESTART</p> <p>We've had to stop these things to focus on the crisis but they need to be picked up again in some form and they make sense to help achieve the vision of the Family Changemakers</p> <p>I'd like to bring these things back after COVID</p>
<p>RECALIBRATE</p> <p>Thinking about I've noticed, and the vision of the Family Changemakers these are things I think we may need to change in what we do or how we work after COVID that we haven't talked about so far</p>	

Corporate Testing New Workspace Design on 7th Floor

You may have seen in Essentials that Corporate are trying out new ways of configuring workspace and desks on the 3rd, 4th and 7th floor. This doesn't affect our seating, and we still have the same desks that we've had for the last year. The 7th floor will be having a deep clean in the next few weeks. If you do have any personal belongings or items on the 7th floor, you'll need to collect them by Friday 18 June, or ask your manager to collect them for you.

Coram Music and Art Therapies for Young People – Referrals Open

Coram offer creative therapies for children and young people; usually referrals come from school but Coram are currently accept referrals from us too. Music therapy and art therapy are both offered, and enable a space for young people to express their emotions non-verbally and explore their experiences creatively. The children do not have to have any previous music or art experience. More information, including the referral form are now on the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid->

[guidebook/keeping-families-emotionally-well/keeping-children-emotionally-well/#main](https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/keeping-families-emotionally-well/keeping-children-emotionally-well/#main) (thank you very much to Fran for sharing these)

Data Breaches

Family Early Help do occasionally have data breaches. A data breach is when confidential, sensitive or protected information is exposed to an unauthorized person or people. If this happens, it's really important we act fast to contain the breach as much as possible. There is Corporate guidance about what to do if data is breached (or if you think it may have been breached) and I have uploaded the link to the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/technology-for-workers/data-protection/#main>

FWD Drug and Alcohol Service for Young People

We've had information about FWD on the Guidebook for a while, but there is now a service leaflet and a downloadable referral form on there too – you can find it here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/health/drug-and-alcohol-services/>

Weekly Survey

This week's family needs survey, for you to raise any issues you're seeing and noticing for families and anything you might need yourself, is now open here [FSCF FAMILY NEEDS SURVEY W/C 14 JUNE 2021](#)

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

Coram Creative Therapies Music and art therapies at Coram, information leaflet and referral form https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/keeping-families-emotionally-well/keeping-children-emotionally-well/#main	FWD Leaflet and Referral Form Information leaflet and referral form for Camden's drug and alcohol service for young people https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/health/drug-and-alcohol-services/	Data Breaches What to do in the event of confidential, sensitive or protected information is exposed to an unauthorised person or people https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/technology-for-workers/data-protection/#main
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We are now in week 65 of COVID and our capacity continues to hold steady. I'll end this week by honouring the 72 people who lost their lives at Grenfell on the 4th anniversary of the tragedy. Our love and strength go to their families and their community, our borough neighbours, today and all the days.

Stay safe and well and, as ever, shout me if there is anything you need.

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