



The Camelot

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The importance of Anti Bullying Week (ABW)

National Anti-Bullying Week 2021 15th—19th November 2021

Theme of ABW21 is “One Kind Word”

Every year, schools dedicate a week to focus on and learning about the impact of bullying and talking to children about how they can deal with any concerns in this area. At Camelot, next week, we will:

- performing a special ABW21 song to the children and invited parents at different times
- spending additional time in afternoons focusing on teamwork and friendship building
- giving selected children special wristbands and badges to acknowledge their efforts and participation across the week... “please encourage your child to earn one”

At the heart of ABW is to stress the importance of kindness and kind words to each other as well as focusing on the way we treat ourselves and others. Encouraging greater use of kind words encourages self esteem which is at heart of emotional regulation and resilience and the school’s core values (see below)

Aspiration

Courage

Dedication

Integrity

Resilience



for the Christmas Holidays is free!

To confirm that it is free to send your Year 1-6 child to CHAMPS for those long days across the Christmas holidays when we all know they just want to run around, have fun and eat free food!

Winter CHAMPS will run between 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. daily—and we ask for children to attend a minimum of five days over the eight days that we are open. If you are interested in reserving one of the 20 places we have still available please text the school holiday provision phone on 07931 616456 or email the office at office@camelot.southwark.sch.uk

ACT NOW—LIMITED PLACES—One text secures your child’s place

Exceptionally important day ahead for Nursery Parents/Carers

Open Days if your child is joining Reception in September 2022.

Tuesday 16th November 8.45—9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 24th November 8.45—9.30 a.m.

Parents/Carers are invited to visit the school's Reception classes as well as the classes for older pupils and to hear from the school staff about the exceptional offer that your child will be offered at Camelot School. Please come and hear from Mr Robinson as well. Thank you

An Open Day morning for parents/carers new to Camelot School will be offered: Thursday 25th November and Thursday 2nd December. Please tell your neighbours and friends

What parents/carers can expect to see in the year ahead?

School Development Plan Priorities 2021-2022*

Raising Standards Priorities <i>SDP Driver: Emotional regulation</i>	3. Curriculum Priority & Racial Literacy Fluency <i>SDP Driver: Racial Literacy</i>	Reading and Early Reading Priorities <i>SDP Driver: Reading Promotion, for pleasure and progress!</i>
1a. To raise standards and the percentages of pupils achieving national outcomes by ensuring that assessments of pupil attainment are accurate and consistent across the current Key Stage Two. Ensuring any differences in pupil attainment are diminished.	To ensure that all our learning across the curriculum develops pupils' knowledge. The outcome being that our children develop their curriculum knowledge in the context of our community.	2a. To ensure that pupils currently in Key Stage Two read widely and often with fluency and comprehension to support accelerated progress along their learning journey.
1b. To consolidate and further develop standards and the percentage of pupils in the current Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage One achieving national outcomes. Ensuring any differences in pupil attainment are diminished.	4. Early Career Teacher/Teacher Priority <i>SDP Driver: All three drivers</i> To further develop all our class teachers to be the best teachers they can be. Developing a coaching strategy for supporting all our teachers.	2b. To further develop and embed consistent early reading strategies, including phonics strategies, that ensure pupils read widely and often with improving fluency and comprehension.

What can parents/carers expect to see more of at Camelot this year?

- ♦ More books in your children's lives; in the school and more reading!
- ♦ More opportunities to talk about the impact of race—developing our racial literacy
- ♦ Increased focus in providing our children with the skills of emotional regulation
- ♦ A whole school everyday focus on raising educational standards for all pupils; for improving their early reading and reading skills and for giving our children the 'bouncebackability' skills needed at this time.

Ready for 2021-2022... eager to be exceptional everyday

Reminder of key dates ahead

Friday 26th November —School shut for Teacher Inset Day

Friday 17th December—End of term and 12.00 noon finish

Tuesday 4th January—first day of the Spring Term 2022

Friday 17th December—Last day of Autumn Term

Nativity performances are back at Camelot!

Please put these dates in your diary if your child is in one of the year groups performing as we hope you will join us for their performance.

EYFS - Wednesday 8th December from 9.15 a.m.

Year 2 - Wednesday 15th December from 9.15 a.m.

... and finally an exceptional thank you to everyone who supported Mr Robinson recently

Running the London Marathon 2021 and 50 km Ultra afterwards

Sunday 3rd October 2021

£2,000 for Pecan Foodbank/Peckham Pantry—£2560 for Camelot's Malawian Schools Partnership



91 %

£4,560

raised of £5,000 target by 69 supporters

Give Now

Thank you from everyone for your fundraising efforts and particularly from our school leaders in Malawi




Jim Robinson

We're raising £5,000 to support Southwark, UK and Sopani, Malawi charitable organisations in their work to support food insecurity in these communities

Support for all parents/carers at this time

Please do not hesitate to speak to school staff in confidence



Camelot School DIGITAL drop in

Tuesdays 9.30am-12pm
in the computer suite
Bird in the Bush Road, London SE15 1QP

- GET FREE HELP TO GET ONLINE
- IMPROVE YOUR INTERNET SKILLS
- SUPPORT WITH ONLINE FORMS
- JOIN OUR CHAMPIONS TO HELP OTHERS
- BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE OR USE OUR COMPUTERS

Supported by



Worrying about money?

Support is available in Southwark

Step 1: What's the problem?

I suddenly have no money

- Lost job or reduced hours
- Money stopped
- Lost money
- Unexpected expense
- Disaster (e.g. flood or fire)
- Relationship breakdown
- Sanctioned (see option: 5)

See options 1 2 6

My money doesn't stretch far enough

- Deciding between food, fuel, and mobile credit
- Low income
- Zero hours contract
- Statutory Sick Pay too low
- Facing redundancy
- Not sure if eligible for support
- Change of circumstance

See option 2

I have debt

- Rent or Council Tax
- Gas and electricity
- Payday loans
- Owe friends or family
- Benefit repayments

See option 3

I am waiting on a benefit payment or advance

- New claim for benefit
- Payment delayed
- Waiting for decision

See options 1 4

Three steps to find options and places to get help

Step 2: What are some options?

1 Council Local Welfare Schemes

• Council Tax Reduction

People on low incomes or already claiming national welfare benefits such as Universal Credit may also be eligible for help with their council tax bill.
www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-reduction

• Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)

People on low incomes and already getting help to pay their rent through national welfare benefits e.g. Universal Credit (housing element) or housing benefit could, in some very limited circumstances, be eligible for extra support.
www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/housing-benefit/get-extra-help

• Southwark Emergency Support Scheme (SESS)

If you are facing a crisis or find yourself suddenly unable to meet your most basic needs or are in debt with council tax or other household bills you may be eligible for help. (0207 525 2434)

www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/emergency-support

For the most up-to-date Council help available, see: www.southwark.gov.uk/financialsupport

2 Maximise Your Income

Anyone who is struggling financially can get a benefit check and speak to an advisor for free and confidential advice. A benefit check can ensure that you are receiving all the money you're entitled to, especially if your circumstances have changed recently. Speaking to an advisor could also help you find cheaper deals on things like gas and electricity and make sure you're not missing out on things like school clothing grants.

3 Debt Advice

Debt can happen to anyone. Free advice and support can help you find ways to manage your debts and reduce how much you pay each month.

Those seeking debt advice from recognised providers such as Step Change, Citizens Advice, or Christians Against Poverty may be offered **Breathing Space** – a statutory scheme which means that creditors must immediately halt all debt recovery action for up to 60 days (up to 90 days for those with mental health problems).

4 Benefit Advance

If you have made a new claim for benefit and are in financial hardship while you wait for your first payment, you may be able to get an advance to afford things like rent or food. It's important to get advice before taking out an advance. Benefit advances must be paid back, and the money will be taken from your future benefit payments (a loan).

5 DWP Hardship Payment

If you have been sanctioned, you may be able to request a hardship payment from the Jobcentre. Hardship payments are not always paid immediately, and they're not available to everyone. Hardship payments of Universal Credit need to be paid back (a loan), but hardship payments of Job Seekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance do not (not a loan).

6 Challenge a Decision

You can challenge a benefit decision if your benefit has been stopped / sanctioned / reduced / refused or you have been overpaid. Most benefit decisions need to be challenged within one month.

Step 3: Where can I get help? Each of these services offer free and confidential advice

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL LOCAL SUPPORT TEAM

The team provides an income maximisation service called Rightfully Yours which helps residents, particularly older people and disabled people, to check their household are claiming all the benefits they are entitled to and whether other discretionary financial support is available

0207 525 2434

www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/other-welfare-benefits

Help with options: 1 2

SOUTHWARK PENSIONERS CENTRE

Advice for residents aged over 50 years

0207 708 4556

advice@southwarkpensioners.org.uk

www.southwarkpensioners.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

CITIZENS ADVICE SOUTHWARK

Advice on benefits, debt, housing, employment, immigration and legal. Can help with advocacy.

0808 278 7849

www.citizensadvice.southwark.org.uk

Face to face drop-in Mon-Fri 10am-3pm at:

- 97 Peckham High Street | SE15 5RS
- 8 Market Place, Southwark Park Road | SE16 3UQ
- 6-8 Westmoreland Road, Walworth | SE17 2AY

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Citizens Advice Southwark Help to Claim

Advice and support for claiming Universal Credit

0800 1448 444

www.citizensadvice.southwark.org.uk/projects-and-services/help-to-claim

CAMBRIDGE HOUSE LAW CENTRE

Legal advice, assistance and representation on matters relating to employment, housing and welfare benefits

0207 358 7025

lawcentre@ch1889.org

www.ch1889.org/law-centre

Help with option: 6

AGE UK LEWISHAM & SOUTHWARK

Support and advice for residents over 60 years and their families

0207 358 4077 (ask for information and advice)

sail@ageuklands.org.uk

www.ageuk.org.uk/lewishamandsouthwark

Help with options: 2 4 5 6

Other Advice and Support

West London Mission

Money management course based in Lambeth but will take referrals from Southwark
www.wlm.org.uk/neighbourhood-skills-hub

Debt Free London

Free, expert debt advice via helpline, webchat, Whatsapp and video chat
www.debtfree.london | 0800 808 5700 (freephone)

Money A&E

Money advice, education and coaching for residents from disadvantaged groups and diverse ethnic communities
info@moneyaande.co.uk | www.moneyaande.co.uk

Universal Credit and other benefits
Understand what benefits you may be entitled to, especially if you have lost your job or are working reduced hours

www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/employment-and-benefits-support/making-a-new-claim

Other Advice and Support

Money Helper

Support with debt, benefits, money management and pensions

0800 138 7777 | www.moneyhelper.org.uk

Christians Against Poverty

Debt counselling charity

0800 328 0006 (freephone) | www.capuk.org

Shelter

Free housing advice

0808 800 4444 (freephone)
england.shelter.org.uk

Step Change

Debt advice and money guidance

0800 138 1111 (freephone)
www.stepchange.org

Southwark Wellbeing Hub

For help with finding the right emotional and psychological support

www.together-uk.org/southwark-wellbeing-hub
southwarkhub@together-uk.org
0203 751 9684 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Healthy Start Vouchers

To help buy fruit, vegetables and milk if you're on a low income, pregnant or have a child under 4

***Available to those who have NRPF**

Apply online: www.healthystart.nhs.uk

Rose Vouchers

Free vouchers for fruit and vegetables for low-income pregnant women and children up to school age (plus any siblings still at primary school) for residents in SE1, SE5, SE15 and SE17

***Available to those who have NRPF**

0207 740 8070
rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com
www.1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers

Turn2Us

Information and financial support to get back on track, including benefits calculator and grants

0800 802 2000 (freephone) | www.turn2us.org.uk
benefits-calculator-2.turn2us.org.uk

For Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)

NRPF Team at Southwark Council

Support for those with NRPF

0207 525 4496
www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/no-recourse-to-public-funds-nrpf

Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers

Helps with the relief of poverty and distress, promotes health and education

020 7732 0505 | www.sdcas.org.uk

Unity Project

Support for those with NRPF, including to have the NRPF condition removed if applicable

www.unity-project.org.uk

Project 17

Advice on housing / financial options for families with children facing severe poverty/homelessness because they have NRPF

07963 509 044 | www.project17.org.uk

About this leaflet

This leaflet is based on learning from Scotland's A Menu for Change project and has been developed with support from the organisations below. It can be found online alongside leaflets for other areas at www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets.

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