



**CAMPTON  
ACADEMY**

**Newsletter - Spring 2021**

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every opportunity seized,  
every achievement celebrated'*

## Happy New Year

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful Christmas cards and presents received by staff last term. We hope you all had an enjoyable break despite the ongoing restrictions. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank parents and carers for their support during these unprecedented times. Until February half term, at the earliest, the government has asked us to only allow children of critical workers and children with a social worker or EHCP to access on site learning. **Children of critical workers should only be on site when there is no one at home to supervise them. If you are able to keep your children at home, this is where they should be.** Thank you to those key workers who have provided us with evidence from your employers. If you have not done so, please forward this as soon as it is available. By minimising the interactions we have outside of our households, we are helping to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and increasing the likelihood that infection rates will begin to decrease.

**The dates below may change depending on when school's are allowed to reopen to all children.**

**Mon 15th February - Fri 19th February - Half Term Holiday**

**Mon 22nd Feb**—Year 4 swimming

**Mon 1st Mar** —Year 4 swimming

**Mon 8th Mar** —Year 4 swimming

**Mon 8th—Fri 12th March** - Book Week

**Wed 10th & Thurs 11th March**—Parent Consultations (TBC) - information to follow

**Mon 15th Mar** —Year 4 swimming

**Mon 15th—Fri 19th Mar**—Science Week

**Mon 22nd Mar** —Year 4 swimming

## Admissions Consultation 2022

**Ref: Consultation on the Admission Arrangements for September 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers

In accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the School Admissions Code, we are required to undertake a six week consultation on proposed changes to our admission arrangements.

I have outlined below the proposed changes for your information.

- Oversubscription criteria for Campton Academy – brought in line with the other BEST academies
- Oversubscription criteria / catchment for St Christophers Academy – in addition to Dunstable Icknield, the inclusion of Houghton, Parkside, Tithe Farm, Leagrave, Lewsey, Challney, Limbury and Sundon Park

The consultation will remain open until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021. Should you wish to comment on the above, please email [admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk).

Please note that we are continuing to work with Central Bedfordshire Council in relation to the two tier consultation and should these arrangements require adjustment in line with those plans, we will communicate this to you.  
Yours faithfully

Dr Alan Lee  
Chief Executive Officer &  
National Leader of Education

**Values** - *Our value this term is*

***Determination***

*Please feel free to share with us any examples of your child showing determination using your child's seesaw account or .  
[sfraher@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:sfraher@bestacademies.org.uk)*



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## Reminders

### After-school pick-up arrangements

Please telephone the School Office on 01462 813359 if going home arrangements for your child are different from normal arrangements that the class teachers are used to. Your **password will be required** for telephone requests.

**Please do not email the School Office, as any failure in our Internet service will mean the messages will not get read.**

### Names

Please name all your child's clothing. Please refer to [www.name-labels.com](http://www.name-labels.com) if you wish to purchase children's name labels. The school reference number is 3511.

### School Lunch money (Years 3 & 4)

Please ensure that lunch money is paid in advance. This can be done by sending the money to school on a Monday in a named envelope or paying via your Parentmail account. If you have any queries regarding school lunches and/or payments, please contact Mrs Wheatley in the School Office.

### Coats

Please ensure your child always has a coat/rain jacket with them every day in school. As you know, our weather is extremely changeable and we don't want children to feel cold when they are in the playground.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day, **it should only contain water.**

### Milk

Every child who is under the age of 5 is entitled to free milk in school. Once your child has turned 5, you have the option of paying for them to have milk in school. This is a direct arrangement with a company called Cool Milk.

If you would like to arrange this, please collect a registration form from the school office or register on [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### Snacks

Can we remind all parents that if you are packing your child a snack that this should only be fresh or dried fruit

### Social Distancing:

In order to minimise congestion and maintain social distancing, please make sure that only one member from your household is present at the start / end of the school day to drop off / collect your child(ren). We would also recommend wearing a face covering if possible.

### Parking:

Please park considerably, on school side of Rectory Road.

### Uniform:

Please take a look at our website for the correct school uniform:

<https://www.camptonacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=34>

- Long hair must be securely tied back for health and safety reasons
- **Please ensure you child has a warm coat in school every day.**

## Starting School

**Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?**

They will start school in September 2021, so you need to apply for a school place **by 15 January 2021.**

Apply online at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

You can also complete a paper application which is available by contacting School Admissions at [admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or telephone 0300 300 8037.

## After-school Sports Clubs

**There are no after-school SSG sports clubs during lockdown or on the following weeks:**

Week commencing **Monday 12th April 2021**

Week commencing **Monday 3rd May 2021**

**Tuition will take place as normal when school is open to all pupils.**



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Please take a look at our new  
website:  
[www.camptonacademy.org.uk](http://www.camptonacademy.org.uk)

and follow us on Twitter:  
[@CamptonAcademy](https://twitter.com/CamptonAcademy)

## Parent Consultations

You should have received a copy of your child's report via your ParentMail account. If it hasn't arrived please let the office know.

Teachers are looking forward to discussing children's attainment and progress with parents/carers on:

**Wednesday 10th March - 4.00 - 5:45pm**  
**Thursday 11th March - 4.00- 5:45pm**

The format will depend on any restrictions in place at that time. Further information will be provided in due course,

Please remember you can ask questions or raise concerns about your child's attainment and progress at anytime. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment to speak your child's class teacher or contact them via Seesaw.

## Safeguarding

If you have not already done so, please provide the School Office with a password. This will be requested every time you contact the School Office to make changes to your child's going home arrangements. In the interests of safety please keep your password confidential.

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:**  
Mrs Sarah Fraher, Principal  
[SFraher@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:SFraher@bestacademies.org.uk)

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:**  
Mrs Carolyn Allen, Pastoral Lead  
[CMA-Support@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:CMA-Support@bestacademies.org.uk)

THANK  
YOU  
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MUCH

to the **Friends of Campton** (School PTA), for all their hard work, commitment and generosity.

The Autumn term saw a variety of fundraising events, which enabled many valuable resources to be purchased for our school, including additional Chromebooks and a virtual Panto.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the events, the children will benefit greatly from additional access to these devices.

## Remote Learning

Once again you have been given the challenging task of supporting your child(ren) to learn from home. The government has suggested primary age children spend approximately 3 hours a day engaging with school tasks. However, we full appreciate that many of you will be attempting to work from home, care for younger children and juggle learning for more than one child. While no-one will deny the importance of maintaining progress, the health and happiness of our children, families and selves have to take priority at time like this. It would be lovely if you could share, via seesaw, one thing your child has achieved each day but please do not feel you have to complete every task/activity that is set. Focus on keeping key skills going - Reading, Writing and Maths but above all else do what keeps everyone safe and happy. If you need any support or advice please do not hesitate to get in touch. If we can help, we will.