



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Summer Term 1

Friday, 26th April 2024



Key Dates:

01/04/2024

DEADLINE: Admission Forms

06/05/2024

Early May Bank Holiday-
school closed

07/05/2024

Education Committee
Meeting

13th to 16th May 2024

KS2 SATS (Year 6)

13/05/2025 (5pm)

DEADLINE: representation
period

17/05/2024

Year 6 Visit to Park

24/05/2024

End of Summer Term 1

03/06/2024

INSET DAY

(School closed to pupils)

04/06/2024

Beginning of
Summer Term 2

10/06/2024

School Offer day

10th to 14th June 2024

KS1 PHONICS

12/06/2024

Year 4 MTC

25/06/2024

Full Governing Body

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

STAGE 2- PROPOSAL TO CLOSE COMBER GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL on 31st AUGUST 2024

As you'll be aware, the Council is proposing the closure of Comber Grove Primary School from 31st August 2024. The school is currently in a 4-week representation period which runs until 5:00pm on **Monday, 13th May 2024**.

Don't forget to submit further objection to the closure proposal:

emailing questions.education@southwark.gov.uk or by post to:

Ric Euteneuer
Children's Services
Southwark Council
160 Tooley Street
London
SE1 2QH

Following on from the recommendations report released by the Local Authority on Monday, 15th April 2024, it is important to point out that a **final decision has still not been reached regarding the future of the school**.

Following the sad and difficult letter we sent to all our families on Monday, 15th April 2024, we wanted to explain the next steps in a little more detail.

- Monday, 15th April 2024: **Publish statutory proposal on school website and gates, with notice in Southwark News**. During this time interested parties can comment on the proposal in writing only.
- **Monday, 13th May 2024, at 5pm: End of four week representation period**
- **Tuesday, 28th May 2024:** Following the representation period a further report will be produced by the LA to be presented to another meeting of the Children, Families & Schools Committee

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- **Tuesday, 04th June 2024:** Agenda planning meeting from 11am – 4 June
- **Thursday, 06th June 2024:** Final report deadline –(cleared, signed off by cabinet member / chief officer)
- **Monday, 10th June 2024 (Offer Day):** Initial offers of a school place for September start, made to each family and confirmed with schools (week before half term).
- **Monday, 17th June 2024:** Families to confirm acceptance of offers. Any changes to preference, second applications for alternative schools etc. to be made by Local Authority Admissions.
- **Tuesday, 18th June 2024:** Cabinet Meeting (Decision)

Whilst a final decision on closure won't be made until a Council meeting on the 18th June 2024, we wanted to ensure that your application to another school will be dealt with promptly if the Council does decide to close the school. Thank you to the families who have already indicated their preferred choice of schools. **PLEASE return your outstanding form by Wednesday, 1st May 2024 in order to secure a place for your child.**

If the Council does confirm closure, you are welcome to keep your child at Comber Grove Primary School until the end of this school year, i.e. until July 2024.

Your application will be processed by the Local Authority Admissions Team and an offer will be made on Monday, 10th June 2024 of the new school place for your child. This place will be held for you until September 2024 so that they can finish the year in their current school.

Thank you all for your messages of care – it is really reassuring to know that we, as a close community school, have strong parental support. We will be deeply saddened and disappointed if Comber Grove Primary School is forced to close.

Governors and school leaders will strongly challenge the LA to ensure school staff, parents and children receive the right and all necessary support during this difficult time.

We understand how difficult this is for all children, parents and staff. We want to explore every option and share our views as part of the consultation.

Have a restful weekend!

Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School



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Proposed closure of Comber Grove Primary School

Southwark Council publishes these proposals under DfE guidance "Opening and closing maintained schools - Statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers, January 2023" and with due regard to section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. Southwark Council is publishing these proposals to close Comber Grove Primary School site with effect from 31st August 2024 - this is stage two of the Statutory Process. Stage one involved the previous consultation, earlier in the academic year.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (**15th April 2024**) – stage 2 of the statutory process - any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by emailing them to questions.education@southwark.gov.uk. This period is stage three of the statutory process. After the end of the four week representation period, within two months, the Council's Cabinet will meet in June 2024 to take the final decision on whether to close. This will be stage four in the process.

Should the decision to close Comber Grove Primary School site be taken, all children attending Comber Grove Primary School will be offered places at alternative primary schools for September 2024. The closure forms stage five in the statutory process

A paper copy of the proposal can be requested via email to: questions.education@southwark.gov.uk

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by emailing them to questions.education@southwark.gov.uk

All responses must be received no later than 5pm on the **13th May 2024**

Alasdair Smith
Director of Children's Services
15th April 2024

- **PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION FORM to the SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, 01st MAY 2024 or sooner!!**

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



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every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%

This week's attendance: 91%

Group	Present	Comment:
Nursery David Bowie	93.6%	Requires improvement!
Reception Aderin-Pocock	89.5%	Cause for concern!
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	91.1%	Requires improvement!
Year 2 David Attenborough	90.9%	Requires improvement!
Year 3 Mo Farah	88.9%	Cause for concern!
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	97.8%	Excellent! Well Done!
Year 5 Mae Jemison	84.2%	Cause for Concern!
Year 6 Olive Morris	93.4.2%	Requires improvement!

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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **COMMUNITY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Ela C.	For always helping other children in the class. Thank you!
	Elma	For always helping other children in the class. Thank you!
Year 2 David Attenborough	Bianca	Well Done for your positive contributions in the class and helping others.
	Rashid	Well Done for your positive contributions in the class and helping others.
Year 3 Mo Farah	Musa	For being a consistently positive role model in the class and Comber Grove community.
	Jacob	For being a consistently positive role model in the class and Comber Grove community.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Ellington	For working very hard in group activities and showing great collaboration skills. Well Done!
	Rhoda	For working very hard in group activities and showing great collaboration skills. Well Done!
Year 5 Mae Jemison	Jahan	For always being kind and respectful towards others and looking after school property. Thank you!
	Amina	For always being ready and willing to help others and for being respectful towards others and the school property. Thank you!
Year 6 Olive Morris	Vlad	For being positive! Well Done!
	Venus	For always offering to help out in class. Thank you! ;-)



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Child's name	Age	Class
Eduardo Salua	4	David Bowie
Daniella	9	Marcus Rashford



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

PARENTING PROGRAMME:

Starting: **Wednesday, 1st May 2024.**

Venue: **Summerhouse.** The average group size is about 8 parents.

The programme takes place on Wednesday mornings and lasts between 10 weeks.

We aim:

- to provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their issues and concerns in a non-judgmental and friendly environment with people who are often going through similar situations.

The structured programme offers parents opportunities to try new behaviour management strategies with their children but also helps them develop approaches that improve their attachment with their children and lead to improvements in wider family life.

Feedback from parents is **very positive** and all find the groups a **rewarding experience.**

Parents often report that they themselves are **much calmer** when they are talking to their children and dealing with stressful situations and feel **more confident** in **managing challenging behaviour.**

Parents often state that there have been very **positive changes** in their relationships with their children as a result of the programme.

Please feel free to drop me an email if you have any questions.

Vicki Reene (Behaviour Outreach Advisor)

Email: vreene@summerhouse.southwark.sch.uk

Tel: 0208 693 2592

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