

Consultation on the renaming of CCfL



Consultation period: Thursday 2nd February - Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents, Pupils and Colleagues,

Camden Centre for Learning (CCfL) has been in existence since 2011 and was originally set up as three schools: a Key Stage Three (Years 7-9) pupil referral unit (PRU), a Key Stage Four (Years 10-11) PRU and a Special School for students with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. Students in the three CCfL schools were taught together at our two sites, with Key Stage Three students at the CCfL Harwood site and Key Stage Four students at the Agincourt site.

In Spring 2022, the two Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) were merged to form one school. Following this, all PRU students in Years 7-11 have been educated at the CCfL Agincourt site with all special school students in Years 7-11 educated at the CCfL Harwood site. Whilst the PRU and Special School continue to work closely together as part of the collaboration with Haverstock School, they are now two clearly distinct schools with a different offer for their students.

We believe that the time has come for the two schools to have separate names and identities. In recent months, staff and pupils at CCfL have worked with governors to consider what these new names might be and the values that underpin our schools. Following this work, we are proposing that our PRU is renamed "Heath School" and our special school is renamed "Harwood School", with the Camden Centre for Learning name no longer being used. At the same time, we are also consulting on the creation of a Federation between the CCfL schools and Haverstock. If both proposals are agreed following the consultation, Heath School, Harwood School and Haverstock School will become part of the H3 Federation at the start of the summer term.

We are engaging in a six week consultation with staff, parents and pupils. We want your feedback on our plans before the CCfL governing body makes a final decision.

This document sets out why we believe these name changes would benefit our schools. Please come along to one of our information events to find out more or to share your feedback via our [survey](#).

The Governing Body of Camden Centre for Learning

1. Summary of proposed change

Current School Name	Proposed School name from April 2023
Camden Centre for Learning (CCfL) Pupil Referral Unit Aginccourt Road, London, NW3 2NY	Heath School Aginccourt Road, London, NW3 2NY
Camden Centre for Learning (CCfL) Special School Harmood Street, Camden, London, NW1 8DP	Harmood School Harmood Street, Camden, London, NW1 8DP

2. Why are we proposing these name changes?

Since the merger of our pupil referral units in January 2022, our schools are increasingly distinct in their provision and offer to students. With both schools operating under a single name (CCfL), the single 'CCfL' label causes confusion for the public, for current parents and students – many of whom don't understand the difference between the two schools.

Our community has told us that they don't like the 'CCfL' name. Students, in particular, feel strongly about wanting to attend a *school* rather than a 'centre' or 'unit'.

The CCfL schools have developed significantly since the PRU merger in January 2022. In changing the names of our schools, we want to signal the progress that has been made at each school alongside ensuring that our two schools have clear and distinct identities as part of a wider federation of three schools, Heath, Harmood and Haverstock.

Whilst Heath School will continue to provide the 'Pupil Referral Unit' function for students who have been permanently excluded from their mainstream school, an increasing number of students are admitted to the school as a result of agreements that are made between schools to avoid permanent exclusion. The proposed new 'Heath School' name reflects these changes as an increasingly valued part of the Camden family of schools.

Taken together, the points above suggest this is the right time to clearly divide the two sites in public perception, by rebranding each as a distinct school rather than part of a 'centre' or 'unit'.

Before making a final decision, the governors of each CCfL want the views of the pupils and their families, members of staff, as well as stakeholders within the wider community.

3. Timeline of Events

As part of this consultation, the governing body invites you to attend drop-in sessions where you can discuss and ask further questions about the proposal.

The dates for this are below:

Key Event	Dates
Formal Consultation circulated to all stakeholders	Thursday 2nd February 2023
Staff Feedback Meetings	<p>Weds 22nd February 5-5.30pm at Harmood</p> <p>Fri 24th February 9-9.30am at Agincourt</p>
Parent Feedback Meetings	<p>Weds 22nd February 5.30-6pm at Harmood</p> <p>Fri 24th February 9.30-10am at Agincourt</p>
Consultation Ends	Friday 17th March Noon
CCfL governing body meets to consider the consultation responses and vote on the proposed names changes.	CCfL – 28 th March 2023
Announcement on the outcome of the vote	Thursday 30th March 2023
Proposed Date for name changes.	First day of the summer term (17th April 2023)

We encourage you to share your views by completing the feedback process no later than 12 noon on **Friday 17th March 2023**.



This consultation document is also available online on the school's website along with the link to an online [survey](#). Feedback from the survey will be collated so governors of the schools can consider every response submitted.

If you need support with accessing this consultation please contact the school office who will provide you with assistance.

4. What will happen after this consultation?

The consultation period starts on **2nd February 2023** and closes on **17th March 2023** at 12 noon.

The governing body of Camden Centre for Learning will meet to consider the views gathered from the consultation. They will then decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

If the governing body decides to proceed, the intention will be for the name changes to take effect on **17th April 2023** (the first day of the summer term).

5. Alternative courses of action

After considering everyone's views, if the governing body decides not to proceed with this proposal, our existing school names will be retained.

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