



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 3rd February

The Week Ahead

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Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Sports Clubs and Fixtures	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Vacancies	Please CLICK HERE to see a list of our current Vacancies

Key Dates

Monday 6th - Friday 10th February	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 6th February	Year 10 GCSE Design Trip to Design Museum (London). All Day
Thursday 9th February	Year 7-8 Dodgeball Tournament (3pm onwards)
Friday 10th February	Year 10 Reports out
Monday 13th - Friday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 20th February	All pupils return to school Year 11 mocks continue

Access to Cambourne Village College and Hardwick & Cambourne Primary School

Vital Planning Application Closes TODAY 3 February 2023.

In March last year, we alerted our parents to the development of an additional housing estate next to Cambourne Business Park by the South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership - an equal partnership between South Cambridgeshire District Council and Hill property developers. The SCIP proposal includes a *bus and cycle link* to our schools and West Cambourne from the Business Park Road but misses the opportunity to make this a direct and simple route for all vehicles – and in particular, for school traffic.

Building a short stretch of all-vehicle road from the Council offices onto Sheepfold Lane would solve all the problems created by the current plans to divert the existing school access through the residential roads of West Cambourne. We anticipate the new route will cause long delays and serious congestion at peak times.

The planning application for the SCIP housing estate puts great emphasis on its environmental credentials and 'connectivity'. However, it misses a very simple opportunity to improve traffic flow and reduce CO₂ emissions on the schools' access route. To demonstrate this: our in-house traffic survey recorded 1215 vehicles visiting the schools' campus on a mainly dry Wednesday in February 22. From the Business Park roundabout, these journeys are estimated to have produced 430,402 grams-per-mile total of CO₂. This is 25% higher than would have been produced if the Business Park link had been open. When our current access is changed to the longer route through West Cambourne, it's estimated that the CO₂ emissions for journeys to our schools will be 66% higher than via the Business Park link route. This figure will be even greater if a one-way system through the school site is introduced to manage the traffic flow, and it takes no account of the expected rise in school numbers as the secondary school expands.

To upgrade the current Business Park Road for heavier traffic use would clearly be expensive. However, for the clear environmental and efficiency reasons stated here, we would suggest that this is an appropriate and important investment in all of our futures and in the community of Cambourne. **Residents of South Cambs are able to comment on the link below, by 3 February.**

<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/00123/FUL>

Comments should quote Reference: **23/00123/FUL**.

After this date, readers may wish to send their views to the Director of Planning and Economic Development for SCDC, Mr Stephen Kelly: Stephen.Kelly@greatercambridgeplanning.org and to the Chief Executive of South Cambs District Council, Ms Liz Watts: liz.watts@scambs.gov.uk

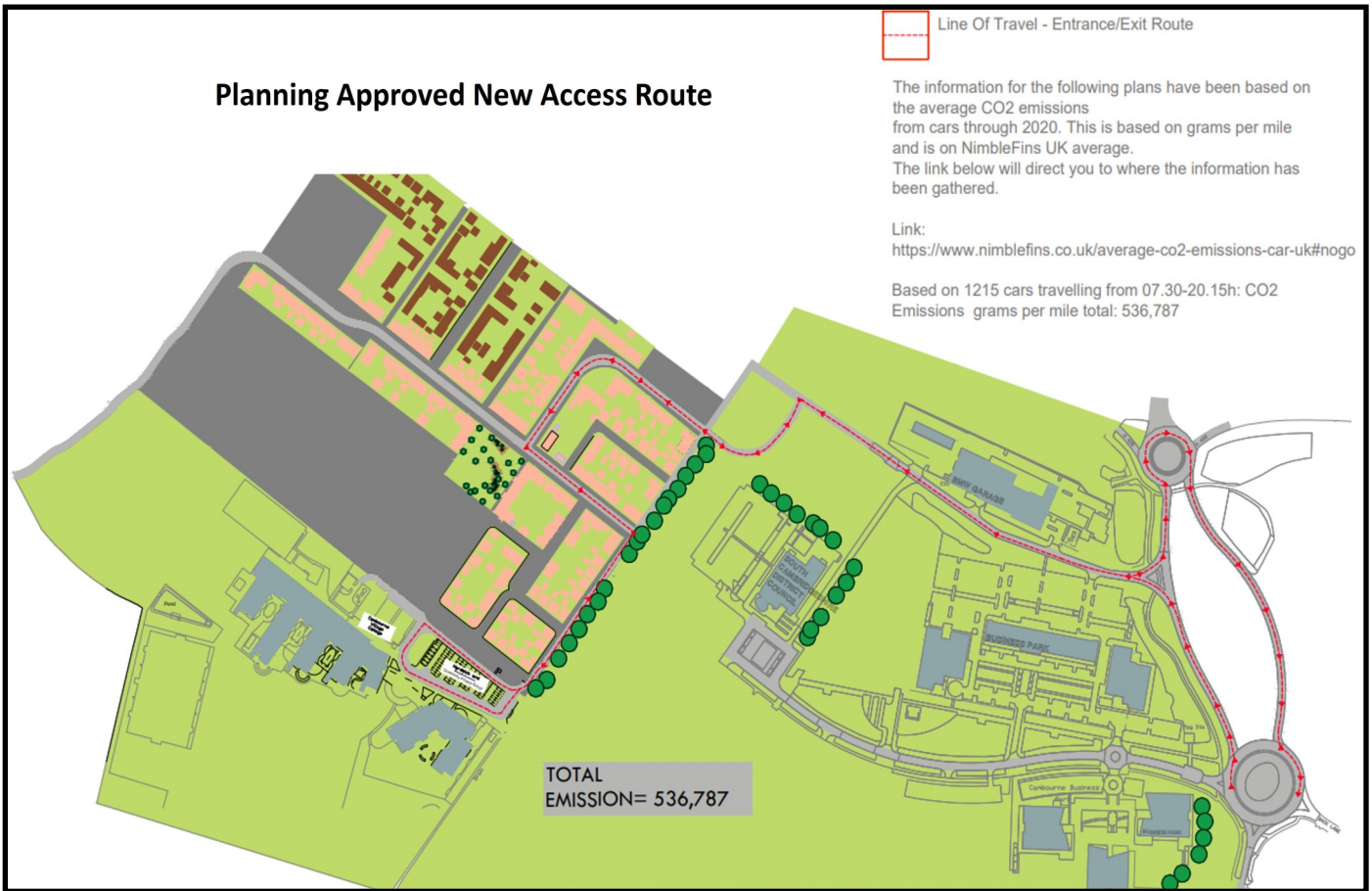
Those who live outside South Cambs but who are affected by this development might wish to do likewise.

Diagrams of the proposed routes and relative CO₂ emissions can be found on the CamVC website: [Homepage - Cambourne Village College \(cambournevc.org\)](http://Homepage - Cambourne Village College (cambournevc.org)) A couple of these are also on the next page of the Bulletin.

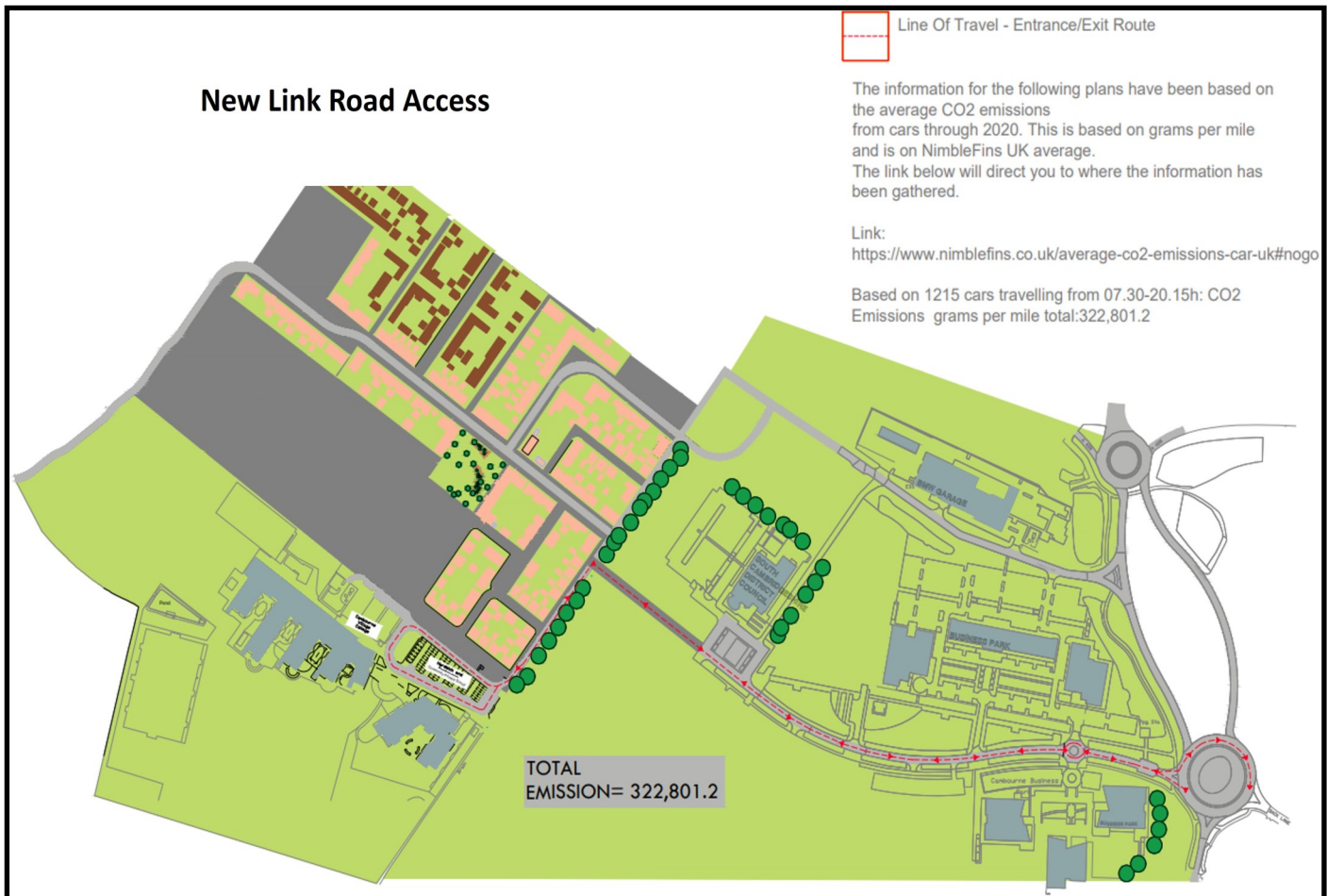
Cate Thompson (Headteacher, Cambourne & Hardwick Primary School)

Claire Coates (Principal, Cambourne Village College)

The current plan for access to the primary school and village college (below)



If a new link access road opened up—a more direct access to the schools (below)



Year 11 Mock Exams

Thank you for your support in preparing your child for the Year 11 Mock Exams.

As we are unable to use the main exam halls, due to the ongoing issues with the heating, we have revised the mock timetable so that students can sit these papers in classrooms. A copy of the timetable can be viewed on the school website: <https://www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/exams>



The results from these exams will provide your child and their teachers with guidance for their revision for the final external exams; these are currently scheduled to commence at the end of May 2023.

Students will need to bring their equipment in a clear pencil case and must write with a **black pen**. Other equipment needed, for some exams, will be: **pencil, eraser, ruler, compasses, protractor** and **scientific calculator**. Students are not allowed to have a mobile phone or a watch in these exams. Please can you support your child by ensuring they have the correct equipment for this exam period.

On **Monday 6th February and Tuesday 7th February**, if a Year 11 student does not have an afternoon exam or a lesson in a coursework-based subject, they will be allowed to leave school at 1.15pm (after lunch), to revise independently at home. We will also provide an independent revision space for students who would prefer to stay at school until 3.05pm. Afterschool classes will run as normal.

Current Staffing Vacancies

Please see the most recent vacancies at Cambourne Village College - all relevant paperwork, including the adverts, job descriptions, person specifications and application forms, can be found on the vacancies page of the website: www.cambournevc.org/contact-us/vacancies. Please feel free to share these amongst friends and family.



Should you like to speak to anyone regarding these vacancies please contact the HR team on 01954 284034 or email our [HR department](#) email.

Pastoral Support Assistant (Closing date: 8th February 2023)

Teacher of Spanish (Closing date: 20th February 2023)

Exam Invigilators (Closing date: 21st February 2023)

Please encourage your children to wear a helmet when cycling!

A lot of pupils at Cambourne Village College are not wearing bicycle helmets—the recent icy weather caused a lot of slips, falls and subsequent trips to the school nurse—and only one pupil was wearing a bike helmet! Bike safety is a very important issue so please do consider talking to your children about this.

Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of brain injury by 88%, head injuries by 85% and a severe brain injury by at least 75%.

The Headway website has further information on this: [Cycle safety | Headway](#) and there is plenty of advise on the Government website: [Cycle Safety – THINK!](#)

Bro, is that my helmet?



PROTECT YOUR MELON

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.HEADWAY.ORG.UK/CYCLE-SAFETY
0808 800 2244



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MUSIC

Instrumental & Singing Lessons

In Cambourne we have nearly 200 pupils regularly doing Instrumental & Singing lessons in school!

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, or get singing lessons – then it isn't too late to sign them up – and for most instruments they would be able to start almost straight away.

We currently offer instrumental lessons for:

- Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Violin, Trumpet, Trombone
- Piano, Keyboard
- Drums
- Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar

And singing lessons for all varieties of singer – including pop / classical / musical theatre!

If you would like to find out more about how instrumental & singing lessons work, then visit the school website for more details:

[Instrument lessons - Cambourne Village College \(cambournevc.org\)](http://cambournevc.org)

And then fill in the online form here:

[Application form for instrument and singing lessons at Cambourne Village College \(office.com\)](http://office.com)

If you have any questions about instrumental & singing lessons, please contact Geoff Page (Head of Music – gpage@cambournevc.org)

Music Clubs

There are lots of different clubs that your child can come attend if they want to develop their musical skills and get to know other musicians in the school!

Clubs are free to attend, and the different groups often get opportunities to perform in school concerts, as well as opportunities outside of school.

The following clubs are starting next week (in the Music Block):

Band (Monday 3-4pm), all instrumentalists, all years

Junior Singer (Tuesday lunchtime), years 7 & 8

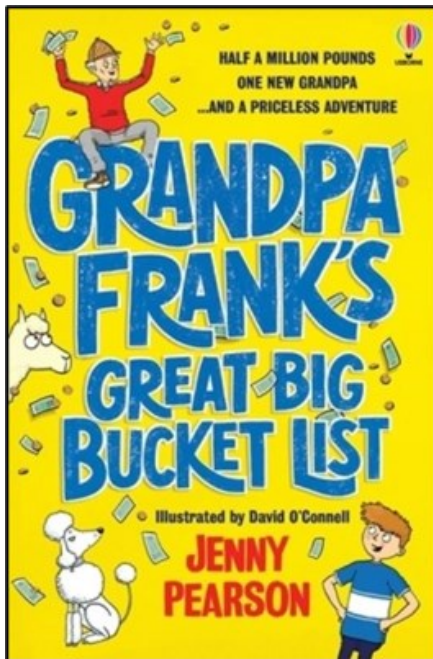
Jazz Band (Tuesday 3-4pm), years 9-11

Ukulele Club (Wednesday lunchtime), years 7 – 9

Friday Choir (Friday 3-4pm), years 9-11

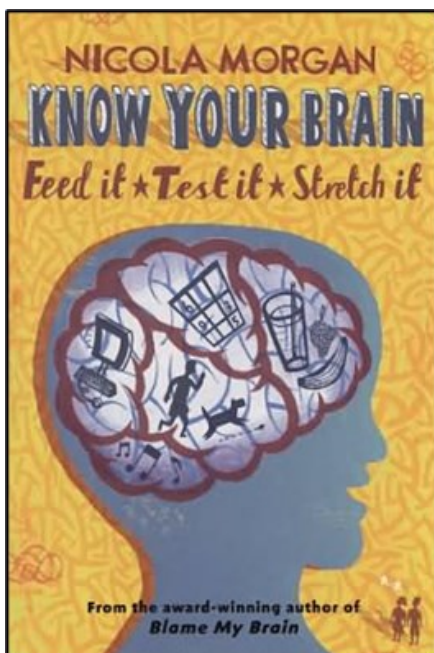
If your child is interested in joining a musical club, they are welcome to attend (whatever their ability) and see how they get on!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Grandpa Frank's great big bucket list by Jenny Pearson

A twist of fate leads eleven-year-old Frank to inherit his grandma's fortune, with the condition he uses the money to look after the grandfather he has never met. When Frank John Davenport inherits piles of money from a grandma he didn't know he had, things take an unexpected turn. The money comes with STRICT instructions... and a NEW grandpa. Frank quickly compiles a list of all the ways he can spend the money and look after his grumpy grandpa. Money may buy hot-air balloon rides, monster-truck lessons, and epic parkour experiences, but can Frank discover that happiness is, in fact, priceless? **(Available from the School Library)**



Know your brain: feed it, test it, stretch it by Nicola Morgan

Looks at how the brain works and how to improve it. There is nothing more amazing than the human brain. It will be with you for your entire life, it will grow and change with you - it is you! Therefore, it's worth finding out as much as possible about it. In *Know Your Brain*, Nicola Morgan explains how the brain functions and how to make it work in the best possible way. With sections on intelligence and learning styles, keeping the brain fit and healthy - including Nicola's own delicious recipe for 'brain cake' - and lots of tests and quizzes, this book explores the marvellous thing that makes us who we are. **(Available from the School Library)**

ARTICLES

Students have access to a Teams channel of articles that school staff have chosen as being particularly interesting.

If your child is looking for something to read, there is a continually-updated selection – they'll fit nicely into the reading time each day, and offer something current to learn more about.

Find it here: [Recommended Articles](#)



The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

The Vines
Upper Cambourne
Cambridgeshire
CB23 6DY

Head Teacher: Mr L Faris

Dear Parent/Carers,

24th January 2023

Our in-house paediatric nurse, here at **The Vine**, is also a first aid trainer. She is running courses on the following dates here at The Vine in term time and half term dates available, for both adults and children to learn this valuable skill.

Saturday 28th January Emergency First aid at work and Paediatric First aid

Monday 13th February (half term) Emergency First aid at work and Paediatric First aid

Tuesday 14th February- (half term) Junior First aid. Ages 10-14 years 9-12pm

Tuesday 14th February- (half term) Teen First aid. Ages 11-16 years 2-5pm

Wednesday 15th March Emergency First aid at work and Paediatric First aid

Saturday 18th March Emergency First aid at work and Paediatric First aid

Saturday 1st April Emergency First aid at work and Paediatric First aid

Wednesday 17th May Emergency First aid at work and Paediatric First aid

Tuesday 11th July Emergency First aid at work and Paediatric First aid

This is a much more affordable option for child minders, parents & carers in these cash strapped times, as opposed to a company looking to make big profits.

Times: 9 - 4pm

Where: The Vine, CB23 6DY

What course:

Blended paediatric First aid course - This includes 6 hours online learning and testing and then a 6-hour practical session (to meet the 12-hour OFSTED requirements). You would be sent the online details and required to do it before the session. It includes adult/children's/baby basic first aid, illnesses, and accidents. CPR, dealing with choking and defibrillation training - mainly for EYFS only

Or

First aid at work course. This is the same as above, but without the online training.

Cost: Blended paediatric first aid (6 hours online, 6 hours face to face) = £90 / first aid at work course (6 hours face to face) = £70

Junior first aid. £25 pp For ages 10-14 years

Teen first aid training. £30 pp. For ages 11-16 year (perfect for young independent teenagers, babysitters, sports enthusiasts).

Fun interactive hands-on session....

Course covers

Calling for help

Dealing with emergencies

Basic 1st aid.

Dealing with friends or family who hurt themselves and treating them.

Looking after themselves.

Head injuries

Cpr and how to use automated defibrillator and how to find one

Wounds

Dealing with water emergencies

Spaces will be given on a first come first served basis. **Please email firstaid@thevine.cambs.sch.uk**

Kind Regards

School Office

T: 01954 719630 E: office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk  [@thevineprimary](https://www.facebook.com/thevineprimary)  [@thevineprimary](https://www.instagram.com/thevineprimary)  [@thevineprimary](https://twitter.com/thevineprimary)

Online Safety Tips

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Please see below some links to helpful ideas and materials around keeping children safe online:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/home-learning-hub/>



COMBINED MINDS APP

Combined Minds is an app for parents and carers developed for teenage mental health charity Stem4 by Clinical Psychologists. The app aims to help families and friends support young people with their mental health.

Combined Minds use a 'strength based approach' which focuses on the positive attributes of the person and builds on resourcefulness and resilience. The app helps families to find ways to provide the right environment to help individuals they support affect their own change.

The app includes providing further information on certain needs such as anxiety and digital addiction as well as offering ways of accessing further help and useful suggestions of 'things you can do in the moment' to help support the young person.

More information can be found through the Combined Minds website at <https://combinedminds.co.uk/>

TEAMS | ONENOTE

Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

Click here for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments:

https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/Eckeb-WkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG_cU4zuSmd0A0WEUDyO-Fw?e=OgjANx

[Click here](#) for a YouTube playlist with short tutorial videos (if you prefer, your child can access the same videos through their school account [here](#))



If your child has **lost an item of uniform**, please ask them to check with their **Year team office** in the first instance, or please email thecollege@cambournevc.org so that we can arrange for your child to check our unnamed items.

If your child needs a coat/jacket and would like to look through our unnamed items to find something suitable for them, please ask them to go to their Year team office or email the College.

LOST
PROPERTY

SecondHandUniform

We currently have a large number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: [Second-Hand Uniform Request](#) and enter what uniform needs your child has.

With evening reception hours (6pm to 9pm) each weeknight (during term time) there is an opportunity to organise a Covid safely-distanced visit to the school to 'see before you buy' at hours to suit you.

Please email our evening receptionist **Liz Staines** to organise a time slot: El-Staines@cambournevc.org



Thank you for your continued support with your children's return to school by sending them back in such smart uniform.

Families who find it difficult to afford school uniform at any time should contact their Year team admin (details below), in complete confidence, so that a way forward can be found.

Year 7 - Sam Tomlinson cam-year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 - Lorraine Lye cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Louise Boyd cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 - Mel Stanford cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Kaleigh Blane cam-year11@cambournevc.org

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the [school website](#).

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less
absence per year
97% or above

**VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET**

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year

90% - 96%

**BELOW
EXPECTATIONS**

More
than 19 days
absence per year

Under 90%

**POOR
ATTENDANCE**

Wet and Icy weather

With the change of weather, we are aware that many more pupils are travelling into school by car. With only one narrow access road into the school we are seeing a rise in traffic problems and pupils arriving late to school. Please encourage your child to travel to school under their own steam wherever possible and ensure you leave additional time when travelling to school by car; pupils are expected within their form groups for registration at 8:35am. Any pupil who arrives after this time is registered as late unless there are exceptional circumstances, which we are made aware of prior to their arrival.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school you have a legal requirement to inform the school **on each day of absence**. Please email (thecollege@cambournevc.org) or call the school on 01954 284000 **by 9am every day of the absence** and leave a message clearly stating the reason for absence and the child's full name and tutor group. If you fail to inform the school, we are legally required to make contact with you, to ensure the child's safety. Even if they have been absent on the previous day we cannot assume they are still at home poorly.

Appointments

If your child misses registration for a medical or dental appointment, this is counted as an authorised absence. Please give advance notice, ideally 2 school days, by emailing thecollege@cambournevc.org with the dates and times the pupil is expected to be out of school and preferably with a copy of the appointment card/notification so that the absence can be authorised. As much as possible, pupils should be in school prior to/ after the appointment and out of school for as little time as possible.

Prior notification ensures the Year team and Reception staff are aware of your child arriving late / leaving early and the necessary arrangements can be put in place. If your child needs to leave early for an appointment, they should inform their teacher that they need to be excused early and make their own way down to Reception. The Reception staff will try to help locate children for appointments, but we do not always have someone available to do a collection from lessons.

All pupils leaving early for appointments need to be collected by a parent to sign them out through our main Reception.

Tell Someone
 Emotional Abuse
 Listen Support Grooming
 Child Protection
 Report it Abuse Safe
 Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse
 Abuse Help Children Policies Young People
SAFEGUARDING
 Everyone's Business
 Safety Anti-Bullying Training FGM
 Sexting Working Together



Safeguarding

At Cambourne Village College we work hard to make sure that we build up positive relationships with the pupils in our care and we hope that we can support families in safeguarding your children.

**Safeguarding is
 Everyone's
 Responsibility**

What is safeguarding?

- Protecting children
- Preventing harm to a child

This includes a variety of different aspects. We are here to help your child make good choices but also support them if they make a mistake.

We work with individual students, their families and external agencies.

What do we do at CamVC to safeguard your child?

- **Staff are vigilant** – staff are very good at noticing small changes and listening to the concerns of those in our care. Tutors are well placed in this process, however all staff play an active role in this.
- **Designated Team** – we have a specific team of people working each day to address concerns raised by staff, pupils, parents and external agencies. This team works to make sure concerns are addressed and the appropriate support is advised
- **Pupil Voice** - we encourage pupils to speak to us or raise their concerns via the 'Report a Concern' button on their iPad

How can we help you?

If you have any concerns about your child or you would like any support, please contact us via cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org



Students IT Support

If your child needs a password reset, for example to their email, Show My Homework or any of the platforms we use at the College, or if they have any issues with their iPads, please email cam-support@cambournevc.org.

We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 24 hours.

Communication with the School

How can I contact my child's Year Team?



Please email cam-year7@cambournevc.org | PSA Sam Tomlinson

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Lorraine Lye

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford

Please email cam-year11@cambournevc.org | PSA Kayleigh Blane

There are a variety of ways in which we will contact you, including by telephone, by letter, by email, in our newsletters and via our website. There are several ways in which you can contact us, and these include:



By email to thecollege@cambournevc.org



By calling Reception for all general enquiries on 01954 284 000



By writing to Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne CB23 6FR



Via the 'contact us' page of our school website www.cambournevc.org

We aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.