

Europaskolen København European School Copenhagen



Dear Parents in Primary and Secondary,

Last Friday, the Government announced additional measures to prevent Covid-19, and a few of these also affect our students and teachers in Secondary.

The Government has made it clear that they want to keep schools and day care centres open, and it is important that we do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

This is therefore both a reminder of our current guidelines and an introduction of the new measures that will apply in Secondary from tomorrow, Thursday 29th October.

Please read them carefully and talk to your children about them at home.

CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES AT ESCPH:

New rules regarding visors and face masks in Secondary from Thursday 29/11

- According to the new guidelines, all Upper Secondary Students must wear face masks when they move around the school, but not when they are in class or when they are sitting down to eat.
- Upper Secondary teachers, who teach more than two classes/teams during a day must also wear masks or visors.
- As the Lower and Upper Secondary students are in the same building, we also encourage teachers and students in Lower Secondary to wear a mask when they are moving around in the common areas of the school.
- Teachers and pedagogues can all use visors/masks if they wish.
- The City of Copenhagen also strongly encourages that parents use a face mask or visor inside the school (except during a meeting).

Public transport

- On public transport, everyone, 12 or over, must wear a mask.

Hygiene and distance

- All children and staff must wash/sanitize their hands when they arrive, after recess, when eating, coughing or sneezing, and in other situations where hands are visibly dirty.
- Students should maintain a 1-meter distance to people outside their class. This also applies to mixed classes e.g. in L2.
- Primary students are not allowed to stay inside during recess (except in extreme weather).

Restricted access to the school

- Parents must drop off and pick up their children from school outside the school. The exception is parents who are collecting their children



from the After School Care in the afternoon – they can enter the After School Care but only if they wear a mask.

- If a child has an appointment during school hours, the parents must notify the teacher in advance so the teacher can send the child down to the school administration at the agreed time. Parents should, as far as possible, wait for their child outside the reception.

School events and social events

- Parent meetings and parent teacher conferences within the class are still permitted, but we kindly ask that only one parent attend per child.
- Staff/faculty/professional meetings are still permitted (the 10 pax assembly rule does not apply to schools). If possible, meetings should be held virtually.
- The authorities recommend social events are cancelled, including class parties, shared breakfasts, camps and study trips.

Children and staff with Coronavirus symptoms

- Sick children and staff must stay home (it's not a requirement that students/teachers stay home if they have a sick family member).
- If children develop symptoms of Coronavirus at school, the parents will be contacted and asked to pick their child up immediately. It is recommended that the child's parents contact their doctor for assessment of symptoms and referral for testing:
 - Children with symptoms of Coronavirus should self-isolate until they have a test result.
 - If the child tests positive, the child must stay at home until 48 hours after the symptoms have gone.
 - If the child tests negative, the child can return to school after the symptoms have gone.
 - If the child is not tested, the child must stay at home until 48 hours after symptoms have gone.

Positive Coronavirus tests

- If a student or member of staff tests positive for COVID-19, the school will contact all "close contacts" and ask them to self-isolate and get tested in accordance with the guidelines from the authorities.
- It is important that staff and students, who test positive for COVID-19 contact the school immediately. For this purpose, the school has a new telephone number that parents and staff can call if they test positive for COVID-19 outside normal office hours. The number **is +45 9186 0024**. Please note that the number should only be used for reporting a positive test result. If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19, please send a message to the school's management via Lectio or Aula or call the school's administration on **+45 3614 0190** during normal opening hours 8-14:00.
- The school will organise emergency teaching for students, who have to stay at home for tests or because of symptoms.



Travel guidelines

We expect everyone to follow the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' travel guidelines, which are updated every Thursday. This means that all students and staff, who travel to an orange country, must stay home for 14 days before they are allowed back at school.

Thank you once again for your support. We will be sure to keep you informed of all the latest guidelines as they apply to the school, and you can always contact us if you have any questions.

More information is also available from the authorities in the links below.

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Kind regards,

Helle, Julie & Uri