



## GUIDELINES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

### Nursery and Primary Cycle - In effect from 2 September 2021

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

On 18<sup>st</sup> of August, the Dutch authorities released an updated protocol for the start of the new school year. The Nursery and Primary Cycles of ESB will start the 2021-2022 school year with 100% teaching in situ with effect from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, the first official school day for the pupils.

The school will continue to maintain safety and hygiene measures to ensure that pupils as well as staff can work in safe conditions according to the Dutch national protocols. The educational programme in Nursery and Primary cycles will deliver all subjects, fully in line with the official timetables.

Where mixed grouping of pupils was still restricted last year, the current measures have been released and all classes and groups will follow the lessons according to the European School's curriculum.

The following guidelines clarify the arrangements at all levels of the Nursery and Primary Cycles.

#### 2. PRINCIPLE AND OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are to:

- Incorporate safety measures to maximise the safety of the pupils and staff of the European School Bergen.
- Maximise the pedagogical quality and efficiency of teaching and learning within the safety framework.

#### 3. STRUCTURE

The arrangements and measures apply from the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year (unless there are new regulations).

Continuous evaluation is foreseen, and if needed, changes to the arrangements and measures will be implemented.

Any change in the instructions from the Dutch government and the RIVM will be followed up closely. This may also lead to immediate changes in the organisation and/or the measures.

#### 4. SAFETY AND HYGIENE MEASURES

Following the updated protocol set in place by the Dutch government, Nursery and Primary will be organised as follows:

- all pupils will go back to school on a full-time basis
- pupils don't need to keep 1,5m distance between one another
- social distancing must be enforced for parents and adults

All pupils of all levels from Nursery up to Primary 5 will attend school for 100% of the normal teaching time over the week.

#### 4.1. SAFETY

Parents, or other adults not working for the school, may be permitted on the school premises if invited, and when social distancing can be guaranteed. For people who work in the school, precautions have been taken to ensure social distancing.

In school, teachers (and other adults) are requested to wear a face mask when 'on the go', in the corridors or in communal indoor areas.

##### Entrance to the school

All nursery and primary pupils will make use of the primary gate to enter and leave the school.

The starting times of the groups/classes follow the normal schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>9.00 - 16.20</b>	<b>9.00 - 13.05</b>	<b>9.00 - 13.05</b>	<b>9.00 - 16.20</b>	<b>9.00 - 13.05</b>
<b>Primary P1 and P2</b>	<b>9.00 - 16.20</b>	<b>9.00 - 13.05</b>	<b>9.00 - 13.05</b>	<b>9.00 - 16.20</b>	<b>9.00 - 13.05</b>
<b>Primary P3, P4 and P5</b>	<b>9.00 - 16.25</b>	<b>9.00 - 16.25</b>	<b>9.00 - 13.10</b>	<b>9.00 - 16.25</b>	<b>9.00 - 13.10</b>

Measures:

- It is impossible to facilitate and guarantee distancing of groups of parents in the corridors of the school building, and therefore parents are not allowed into the building unless there is an invitation.
- **Nursery pupils are to be brought to school and collected via a separate route.**  
Nursery parents are asked to walk a short, designated loop, entering the P345 playground via the Primary gate and walk via the one-way route onto the nursery playground, where they hand over their child(ren) and leave the nursery playground via the nursery gate (outdoor one-way round trip).  
The same route will be used for collecting the children from school at the end of their school day.
- **Primary pupils are not accompanied onto the primary playground by their parents** (as usual), but enter through the Primary gate by themselves.  
**P1 and P2 pupils will not gather on the playground in the morning, but will immediately find their way to their class room at the start of the day.** Teachers on duty will guide and monitor and assure that all children are comfortable and find their way. This arrangement assures there is less crowding in the corridor at the start of the school day and adults don't need to pass each other on their way to the rooms.
- To avoid too many adults gathering at the same place, **parents of (P12) primary pupils** who are collecting their child(ren) at the **end of the day** are asked to come onto the Primary playground (where there is more space than outside the primary gate).  
**Parents are explicitly requested to spread over the playground, respect 1,5 m distancing** from one another and to **leave the playground immediately once the child is collected.** This will not

be monitored and it is expected that parents will take this seriously. If it does not work it will be necessary to exclude parents from this area.

Where possible, P345 pupils may leave the school independently.

### Corridors and movement

In the corridors, the routes are clearly marked. Arrow strips on the floor show the direction in which people are expected to walk. Children and staff are requested to always follow the marked route, to avoid crowding and to ensure there is enough space for staff/adults to maintain distancing. Everyone is expected to be patient when walking the routes. It is forbidden to pass others or to run.

## 4.2. HYGIENE

Class rooms and materials are cleaned to conform with the rules and expectations of the RIVM.

Pupils and teachers are asked to continue to strictly follow the guidelines for good hand hygiene. Soap and paper towels are available in all class rooms and toilets.

Hand sanitizers will also be available.

In practice, all children will wash their hands (with water and soap) multiple times during the day, and in any case before eating their snack, after each (outside) break and before starting their lunch.

## 5. ORGANISATION OF THE DAY

### 5.1. PROGRAMME AND LESSONS

Each class and group will follow the normal class timetable.

All **Nursery** children will follow the normal programme of the Early Education Curriculum, including (mixed) outdoor play and European Hours' activities.

Also in **Primary**, all pupils will follow the normal timetables, including mixed group lessons (Language 1, Language 2, European hours, etc.) and (mixed) outdoor play.

### 5.2 ROOMS AND MATERIALS

Teachers will ensure that the classroom is properly ventilated during the school day. CO2 monitors will be used to provide insight in the air quality and to trigger action of the teacher if ventilation is required. During the lessons the doors and windows will remain open as much as possible to facilitate natural ventilation. When the outside temperature is lower, top windows and open doors will be used to increase the natural air flow.

Shared rooms, like art, music, drama centre and the primary library are open. Classes are allowed to visit the library under the supervision of their teacher, and borrow books.

In shared rooms, used by multiple adults and pupils, the pupils clean the desks before the start of the lesson (This applies to L2, European Hours, some Ethics/Religion courses).

Laptops are cleaned before the start of the session.

### 5.3. BREAKS AND LUNCH

The school canteen will re-open from 2<sup>nd</sup> September. All pupils who have enrolled in the hot lunch arrangement, as well as all P345 pupils, will have lunch in the canteen area. The canteen complies with RIVM and hygiene measures.

Nursery and Primary parents can choose to arrange for a packed lunch for their child(ren) or to enroll in the lunch offer of the School canteen.

Pupils are not allowed to share their food or to bring (food) treats to share, or hand out, to others.

### 5.4. SCHOOL TRIPS AND OUTINGS

School trips, both day trips and multi-day trips, are officially allowed according to the RIVM rules. Nursery and Primary teachers may organise trips and outdoor lessons/teaching activities (including these trips where a bus is involved).