



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

### Nursery and Primary Cycle - In effect from 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

On 14<sup>th</sup> September, the Dutch authorities announced a release of the COVID measures in schools. The previous Protocol for Primary Schools (dd. 18.08.21) was replaced by Guidelines from the PO Raad (Council for Primary Education) on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The Nursery and Primary Cycles of ESB will adopt the new measures with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> September.

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.

While the new protocols do not impact on the timetables or curriculum (which have been fully in line with the official timetables from the start of the school year), the **main differences compared to the previous measures are the releasing of the social distancing between adults, facemask obligations and new guidelines for quarantine.**

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

#### 2. PRINCIPLE AND OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are to:

- Incorporate 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 27<sup>th</sup> September.

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 continue to be organised as follows:

- all pupils will return to school on a full-time basis
- pupils do not need to keep 1,5m distance between one another
- **social distancing will no longer be enforced by 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 again.

**In school, teachers (and other adults) are not obliged to wear a face mask.**

##### 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> |

#### **MORNING DROP OFF**

- **Nursery pupils are to be brought to school 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). Maintaining this loop affords children the opportunity to learn and develop useful, personal skills by preparing for class independently. The arrangement also facilitates a calm and smooth start of the day, where the teachers can have the full attention to the pupils and instil a structured and continuous daily routine.

Whilst the Primary gate opens at 08h40, Nursery teachers on supervision duty open the **Nursery entrance gate at 08h45**

- **As usual, Primary pupils are not accompanied onto the primary playground** by their parents, but enter through the Primary gate by themselves.

P1 and P2 pupils 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.

#### **COLLECTING PUPILS from school**

- **Parents of nursery** pupils can enter the Primary playground, after having shown their child's school pass to the security guard. They can **collect their child from class in the nursery corridor, by entering the school via the nursery door at the Primary playground.**

*For parents with nursery child(ren) and siblings in Primary, please collect the nursery child first. All Nursery pupils are to be collected by an adult.*

- **Parents of primary pupils** can enter the Primary playground, after having shown their child's school pass to the security guard. P12 pupils are collected by their parents or guardians. P345 are allowed to 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 follow the marked route, to avoid any crowding and accidents.

## 4.2. HYGIENE

Classrooms 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 remain open. 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).

#### 5.5. MEASURES IN CASE OF A COVID INFECTION

The '[decision tree](#)' schedule outlines whether or not a child can attend school and/or is advised to get tested. (\*)

**In case a child is identified with COVID-19, the school will be contacted by the GGD (Municipal Health Services), who will advise on which pupils need to quarantine and how long the quarantine period should be.**

**In principle, only the child who is infected will need to stay home in quarantine. Other pupils of the same class/group would be allowed to come to school.**

**The GGD may decide to deviate from this principle, for example if children have been a close contact in the family atmosphere or in case of an outbreak with multiple infections in a class/group.**

**The school will take action in line with the advice of the GGD.**

*(\*) The most recent version of the document will always be available on the school's website.*