



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

Nursery and Primary Cycle – Update on Corona measures **with immediate effect from 2nd of December 2021**

1. INTRODUCTION

On 29th of November, the Dutch authorities released an updated protocol with new measures to reduce the impact of Covid on (Primary) schools. The Nursery and Primary Cycles of ESB have translated the protocol into measures tailored on the school's curriculum and organisation.

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.

Additional restrictions are put in place to minimize the risk of spreading, in particular for mixed groups.

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 Thursday 2nd of December.**

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 continue to go to school on a full-time basis, in situ.
- **Staff, as well as P345 pupils, are strongly recommended to use self-tests at home, twice a week, as a prevention.**
- **P345 pupils will be requested to wear a face mask (see 5.1).**

- The school is open, unless...:
 - ... the GGD would advise to close a class/the school based on a high risk and/or infection rate.
 - ... the school has no other options to organise teaching due to absence of teaching staff.
- Social distancing must be enforced for adults and teaching staff.
- **External adults, including parents, are not allowed inside the school** (except in exceptional circumstances).

4.1. SAFETY

Parents, or other adults not working for the school, are not allowed in school, except in exceptional cases by invitation only, and when social distancing can be guaranteed. For those who work in the school, precautions have been taken to ensure social distancing.

In school, teachers (and other adults) 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
Nursery	9.00 - 16.20	9.00 - 13.05	9.00 - 13.05	9.00 - 16.20	9.00 - 13.05
Primary P1 and P2	9.00 - 16.20	9.00 - 13.05	9.00 - 13.05	9.00 - 16.20	9.00 - 13.05
Primary P3, P4 and P5	9.00 - 16.25	9.00- 16.25	9.00 - 13.10	9.00 - 16.25	9.00 - 13.10

- **Parents who come on the playground** for drop-off/pick up should **come alone and** are requested to **wear a face mask**. This applies to the outdoor space on the school premises.
- **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). **All Nursery pupils will wash their hands once they're in the nursery corridor, before entering the class.**
The same route will be used for collecting the children from school at the end of their school day. Parents will not be allowed into the school building, but collect their nursery child(ren) outside, with the teacher/nursery assistant on duty.
- **START OF THE SCHOOL DAY**
Primary pupils are not accompanied onto the primary playground by their parents, but enter through the Primary gate by themselves. **All Primary pupils disinfect their hands before entering the Primary Playground,** via one of the disinfection stations near the Primary gate.
P1-P2 pupils will immediately find their way to their own classroom, where their teacher will welcome them. P345 pupils will be picked up by their respective class teachers at 8.55h.

- END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

When collecting the primary children from school at the end of the day, **parents of (P12) primary pupils are asked to come onto the Primary playground** (where there is more space than outside the primary gate). **This applies to all days, except for Tuesdays, when the P345 pupils continue their school day.** (*On Tuesdays, P12 parents will await their child(ren) 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.

Staff members are required to wear facemasks while they are **on the move, in the corridors and outside their class room.**

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.

4.3. HEALTH

Staff and P345 pupils are requested to make use of self-tests at home, twice a week, as a prevention.

A Nursery/Primary child must not come to school if:

- ... he/she feels unwell
- ... he/she has **one or more covid like symptoms**
- ... he/she has fever
- ... he/she is planning to be tested or is awaiting the test result
- ... someone in the household has corona related symptoms, a fever (>38°) and/or shortness of breath
- ... **someone in the household is planning to be tested and/or awaiting the test result**
- ... he/she has traveled to, and has returned from, an orange/red identified zone (the child will remain in quarantine together with the family members)

Children who are in school with any of the above COVID-like symptoms, will be sent home after consultation with the school nurse.

Nursery/Primary children are strongly advised to get tested with a PCR-test (at the GGD) if:

- they have **cold symptoms** (like a runny nose, sore throat, etc.)
- they have **one or more covid-like symptoms**
- there is an indication, related to contact tracing

Parents should inform the Nursery/Primary School in due time and keep the school regularly updated on the situation, via primarychild.absent@esbergen.org

In the email-correspondence, please mention the full name of the child, her/his class and the name of any sibling(s) and their class(es).

If a child has been in quarantine, the return date should be discussed with the school.

Children can only return to school after written **confirmation (of the return date) by the school.**

5. ORGANISATION OF THE DAY

5.1. PROGRAMME AND LESSONS

Each class and group will follow the normal class timetable, while avoiding physical mixture of pupils where possible.

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

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

For lessons which involve a mixture of pupils and/or a non-class teacher teaching the group, (a combination of) measures are taken:

Measures in combined groups/lessons	Physical separation in class	Face masks for P345 pupils expected
Language 1 (SWALS / P1-2)	x	
Language 1 (SWALS / P3-5)	x	x
Language 2 (P1-2)	x	
Language 2 (P3-5)	x	x
Ethics/Religion (P1-2)	x	
Ethics/Religion mixed (P3-5)	x	x
'European Hours' (P3-P5)	x	x

The wearing of a face mask is mandatory for pupils of the P3 to P5 age level, when they attend a lesson which is not given by their class teacher.

All pupils of P3, P4 and P5 are requested to bring 2 (clean) face masks daily, in a small zip-bag, with one additional zip-bag for the used mask(s).

Having 2 face masks to use during the school day is a condition of attendance for any pupil in P3, P4 and P5 level.

5.2 ROOMS AND MATERIALS

The physical organisation of the room **is adapted to maximize the safety of the pupils and their teacher.** The floor plan/placement of the tables follows a health and safety assessment, rather than a pedagogical reasoning.

Where possible, **tables are placed separately and in the same direction (lines rather than groups).**

Pupils will get a fixed designated place in the room.

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 which are used by multiple classes/levels **will be cleaned before the start of the session.**

5.3. BREAKS AND LUNCH

The school canteen is open. 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 day trips are allowed, but only approved after assessment of the conditions.

Nursery and Primary teachers may organise trips and outdoor lessons/teaching activities (including these trips where a bus is involved).

Multi-day trips are not organized until further notice.