



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

Nursery and Primary Cycle – Update on Corona measures with effect from 1st of March 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

On 15th February, the Dutch authorities announced the release of Covid-measures in the wider society. The PO Raad has updated the Protocol with measures for (Primary) schools (version 25 February 2022). 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.

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 Tuesday 1st of March 2022.**

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.**
- The school is open, unless...:
 - ... the GGD advises to close a class/the school based on a very high number of infections.
 - ... the school has no other options to organise teaching due to absence of teaching staff.

4.1. SAFETY

Parents, or other adults not working for the school, are allowed in school again.

The wearing of face masks is not required, unless preferred or in busy settings.

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	9.0 - 13.10

- **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). **All Nursery pupils will wash their hands once they're in the nursery corridor, before entering the class.**

- When **collecting the nursery children from school** at the end of the school day, parents are welcome in the school building, **to collect their child from their class.**

- **START OF THE SCHOOL DAY**
Primary pupils enter through the Primary gate by themselves.
P1-P2 pupils will immediately make 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.)*

Corridors and movement

In the corridors, the routes are clearly marked. Arrow strips on the floor show the direction in which people can should walk. Children and staff follow the marked route, to avoid crowding.

Staff members and adults are strongly advised to wear a facemask in busy settings.

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. Preferably the self-test should be done in the morning, before the start of the school day.

A Nursery/Primary child should come to school unless:

- ... he/she has tested positive in a self-test
- ... he/she feels unwell
- ... he/she has Covid-like symptoms
- ... he/she has fever, a cough, shortness of breath
- ... he/she is planning to be tested at the GGD or is awaiting the test result of a PCR test

Children who develop Covid-like symptoms during the day, will be sent home after consultation with the nurse.

PCR-tests (at the GGD) are strongly advised if a child ...

- ... has tested positive on a self-test
- ... has multiple or more severe cold symptoms
- ... has fever, a cough or shortness of breath

Self-tests can be used...

- ... as a preventive measure
- ... in case of a mild symptom (like nose cold, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, occasional cough or increase to 38°)
- ... when a member of the household has Covid; a daily self-test is strongly advised for a period of 5 days

As always, please send messages related to a medical absence to the Nursery/Primary School in due time 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).

For Corona related issues, please follow the GGD advise.

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 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.

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 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.

5.4. SCHOOL TRIPS AND OUTINGS

School day trips are allowed.

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 in this academic year.