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Health, Safety and Security Procedure

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1. Introduction

The European Schools are committed to providing a healthy, safe and secure learning environment for pupils. In general, health, safety and security-related issues are governed by the overarching health, safety and security policies of the European Schools and the host country's legislation. With respect to child well-being, there are specific health, safety and security subjects, which are not covered by these overarching policies. These are dealt with in this chapter.

2. Specific Health, Safety and Security Issues to Pupils' Wellbeing

2.1. Hiring of Staff

The school will request a copy of the criminal record (or equivalent document from the country of residence) for all staff of the European Schools.

2.2. Comfort

Classrooms, laboratories, gymnasiums and other similar places where pupils assemble must be:

- II well-lit;
- III appropriately heated;
- IV appropriately ventilated; and
- V of an appropriate size for the classes using them.

2.3. Furniture

The school will provide fixed and adjustable chairs, stools and tables respecting the EN 1729 standard.

2.4. Physical Education Equipment

The equipment for physical education will be regularly inspected by a competent service provider.

2.5. Playground Equipment

The School will only purchase and install playground equipment respecting the EN 1176 standard. The maintenance and periodic controls of these equipment will be conducted according to the criteria stipulated in this norm.

To guarantee the safety of the pupils in case of impact, the playground surface will be determined and constructed in accordance with the EN 1177 standard.

2.6. Medical Information and Allergies

Parents will provide the school with relevant information concerning their child's specific medical conditions and allergies on a "need to know" basis, taking into consideration medical advice and parents' wishes. All medical information is handled in a strictly confidential manner by the school's medical department.

2.7. Hygiene and Cleanliness

The school will provide a clean environment for pupils. It will also raise awareness with pupils and staff to keep the premises clean and tidy.

Good hygiene and cleanliness can be achieved, *inter alia*, through:

- 2.7.1. Frequent and thorough cleaning of the school site and classrooms with particular attention to areas for food preparation and consumption, toilets and showers;
- 2.7.2. Provision of water, soap and drying facilities in toilets. The School may decide upon a menstrual product which is provided free of charge to the pupils;
- 2.7.3. Encouraging hygienic behaviour among users;
- 2.7.4. Regular monitoring of the quality of the water and general hygiene in swimming pools, according to local regulations.

2.8. Healthy Food

The school will promote and encourage healthy eating habits. Pupils will have a pause during the school day so as to consume their lunch.

2.9. Traffic Hazards

The school will protect pupils from traffic hazards when on the schools' property or in the schools' care (e.g. outings, field trips).

2.10. School Field Trips

Prior to field trips the school is required to perform a risk assessment. The accompanying teachers must be fully involved in this assessment.

Parents must be kept fully informed of all aspects of school expeditions in which their children are involved.