

DIS Hygiene and Physical Distance Agreement (Preschool)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In view of the current spread of the new coronavirus, the State of Saxony lists comprehensive measures to counteract the rapid spread of the virus. The guidelines provide for a ban on meetings and gatherings and temporary restrictions on contact. These and other special protective measures also apply for your children when they return to school, as well as general hygiene rules. Therefore, we require you to observe the following instructions, in particular:

Your child may not attend school if:

- he/she has returned from abroad within the last 14 days, or
- was in contact with returnees, or
- had contact with infected persons, or
- currently shows (cold) symptoms, or
- belongs to a risk group and for this reason participation in lessons is not advisable.

An elevated body temperature (i.e., a temperature higher than 37 degrees) without further symptoms also means he/she must not attend school.

If your child belongs to a special risk group (e.g., previous lung diseases including asthma, cancer, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, etc.) for which special medical care is required, please obtain a medical certificate from your doctor to present to school at the Preschool Office (officeg18@dresden-is.de). Children not in good general health will not be able to attend preschool.

Children who live in the same household as people from the defined risk groups above are also exempt from campus attendance. A letter from the parent is sufficient for proof of this.

If children show comparable symptoms to COVID-19, e.g., due to allergies or similar, these symptoms must be verified by a letter from parents.

In all of the above cases, please contact the Preschool Office by email (officeg18@dresden-is.de) or telephone (351 3125 4169), and keep your child at home. If your child is in contact with any known COVID-19 infected persons, please provide the school with a certificate from the health authorities. In all other cases, please have a medical certificate issued for the above-mentioned symptoms, which you should submit to the school within 3 days or as soon as possible after the first missed date. We ask that you follow these guidelines for the protection of your children as well as the staff at Dresden International School.

Authorities require parents to sign the *Health Confirmation Form* daily which states their child is free from signs of illness. The form must be shown to staff by parents at the school gate. Parents who do not present the signed form will need to take their child home.

Only children whose parents present the signed *Health Confirmation Form* each day will be admitted into the Preschool.

To the extent possible, we request you to go through the following changes in routines, procedures and conduct with your child in your mother-tongue language which will help them prepare for changes; we will also regularly discuss appropriate conduct with the children in class. Your support and cooperation with these strict requirements is essential in order that DIS can maintain standards of operational safety and that your child can continue to attend school.

When children are in school:

- Always stay with your class group in the house and on the playground. Children may not come into contact with children from other classes.
- Wash your hands with soap and water regularly. This is required upon entering the school campus, after sneezing or coughing, before/after eating, and after using the toilet.
- Each group has designated toilets to use. Some classes will need to travel to another floor of the building to use their toilet.
- For all ages, each class group will have its own dining space (cafeteria, sport room, or classroom).
- When coughing and sneezing, the mouth and nose must be covered with bent elbows or paper tissues; the used paper tissues must be disposed of into small plastic bags (provided) and then into the waste bin. When coughing or sneezing, keep the greatest possible distance from other people, preferably turn away.
- To stay safe, we do not share personal items.

Information especially for parents:

- Since parents are not allowed on campus, during arrival and departure, they will say goodbye to their children at the front gate. Then Preschool staff will escort the children into the building and help them settle in. **Parents need to wear a mask and maintain no less than 1.5m between individuals whilst waiting to drop off or pick up children. Please have your *Health Confirmation Form* ready when dropping off your child.**
- Face masks in the Preschool: The wearing of masks is not required by preschool children; preschool staff will wear face shields or masks when it is necessary to do so.

Many thanks for your cooperation and support and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school shortly!

With my signature I/we confirm as a parent or guardian that I/we have read and agree to the above-mentioned regulations and have (if possible) discussed them in detail with my/our child(ren).

I declare that my child is not in quarantine and that there is no case of Covid-19 in our contact area. Should such a case arise during the remaining school year, I will inform the school management as soon as possible. I acknowledge that if my/our child(ren) show(s) visible symptoms of illness or cold, teachers will inform me / us immediately and my /our child(ren) will be sent home immediately.

Class: _____

Name of the child 1 - printed

Class: _____

Name of the child 2 - printed

Dresden, Date _____

Signature of the parent

13 May 2020

Dear Parents,

In the last two months, we have all been through an extraordinary experience. As we prepare to reconvene classes at DIS, it is apparent that we need the active participation and commitment of our community in partnership to make this a successful endeavor for children, their families, and staff.

There are some significant changes in our procedures and routines in order to accommodate regulations and guidelines designed to protect the health and safety of DIS staff and children. One of the toughest decisions we had to make is to prohibit parents from entering the Preschool Campus. Additionally, there is no entry for children at the back gate; **all children enter the campus by the front gate** on Goetheallee after the parent has shown the daily **Health Confirmation Form**.

Please read through these carefully.

1. We welcome the preschool children back in two stages:
 - **STAGE I**
Butterflies, Tigers & Penguins will return to preschool on Monday, **18 May, 8.00-16.30.**
Ducklings will return to preschool on Monday, **18 May, 9.00-15.30.**
 - **STAGE II**
Froggies will return to preschool on Monday, **25 May, 9.00-15.30.**
Children needing a re-transition plan will return to preschool on Monday, 25 May. (Each teaching team will determine those in PK2-PK4 who are better served by starting 25 May.)
2. **The hours of operation have changed.** The DIS Preschool is now open from **8.00 to 16.30.** The length of the preschool day is differentiated by age:
 - a. **Butterflies, Tigers & Penguins** will attend **8.00-16.30.**
 - b. **Ducklings & Froggies** will attend **9.00-15.30.**
 - c. Siblings may come/leave together at either time.

3. Preschool teachers will still prepare the “shared snack” with groceries from parents who signed up, however instead of shared platters, they will prepare individual servings.
4. **Gourmetta lunch service** resumes for all those registered. The meals will come in individual servings. **If your child will NOT have the catered lunch, you must CANCEL the lunch for that day.**
5. We are no longer able to microwave home lunches in PK3/4, and we will not re-plate your child’s food from home containers as we have done in the past.
6. The Froggies and Ducklings will continue to eat lunch in their classrooms. The PK3/4 classes will now dine separately using the cafeteria, the sport room, and a classroom.
7. Each class has **designated toilets**. Some PK3/4 classes will need to travel to another floor of the building to use their toilet.
8. All **co-curricular clubs/activities are cancelled**. (Ballet students may make personal arrangements to take class at Frau Reiger’s dance studio.)
9. There is **no singing**.
10. **Sport classes are canceled**. Weather permitting, teachers may take their classes for a walk in the park during sport time.
11. **All DIS Preschool events are canceled** (parent coffees, spring picnic, sport day, spring conferences, summer picnic series, etc.).
12. The playground now has **zones**, and class groups are assigned to a particular zone each day. The children may play only with others in their same class group.
13. Personal water bottles must be cleaned at home daily.
14. Personal sleep time items must be taken home weekly for laundering/cleaning.
15. Parents' and teachers' conversations should primarily take place by telephone, email or video conferencing.

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We know things will be different and not necessarily as we are used to. We deeply appreciate your partnership in navigating new territory and supporting the return of all children and staff to the DIS Preschool.

Kind regards,

Joyce Larson

Preschool Coordinator