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Update from the Head of School about Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Parents,

We have received a lot of messages from our community with questions about coronavirus and schools. We completely understand your concern and worry. As a school in Sweden we need to follow national guidelines but of course within these guidelines, we must adapt so that we also consider our responsibilities as an international school.

We know that it can be confusing to see other countries taking different measures regarding their communities and schools. This confusion is natural for an international community who may be following news in their home countries, while trying to understand the approach of their host country.

In Sweden, we are continuing with teaching at the school. As usual we have information on ManageBac and Schoolsoft for students who are at home sick. It is very important that absences are reported on SchoolSoft. For the safety of all students, we must know their whereabouts.

Section Principals are preparing plans in the event that we close a school building and move to remote teaching. Principals will provide clear instructions and expectations for students, parents and teachers if these plans are activated. It is not possible to simultaneously deliver both school onsite and online, so for now the programmes continue to be conducted in the classroom.

The government is making new regulations for the possibility of closing schools. Previously, there has been very narrow scope for what legally constitutes grounds for school closure. Provision must be made for students with special needs and those from families working in essential services, as defined by governmental guidelines. We will inform you as soon as we have more information.

We want to thank all community members for their cooperation and support as we meet the challenges of these extraordinary times. We are deeply grateful for the commitment of our parent and staff community, including the exceptional efforts of our teachers. Our combined efforts put us in the best position to continue providing for the needs of our students.

We wish you all a nice and safe weekend,

Birgitta and the Leadership Team

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