



11th August 2020, Gothenburg

Welcome to the Academic Year 2020-21!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-21 academic year at ISGR! A special welcome for those parents who are new to ISGR and new to Gothenburg! We hope that you have all enjoyed a nice summer and perhaps taken the opportunity to explore local destinations or a holiday at home!

The School Administrators and Teachers are busy preparing for the arrival of our students, who we look forward to welcoming for the first day of school on Tuesday 18th August (PYPF starts on Thursday 20th August). This year we will have a special online orientation for new PYP and MYP parents & students on Monday 17th August at 8.30am, with in-person introductions to teachers limited by grade level (details provided directly to new parents).

The first day of school at Guldheden Campus will be normal hours including lunch:

PYP 8:30 to 14:30

LgrP 8.30 to 13:30

The first day of school at Götaberg Campus will be limited hours including lunch:

MYP6 and MYP7 9:00 to 13:00

MYP8 MYP9 and MYP10 10:00 to 14:00

LgrM6 and LgrM7 9:00 to 13:00

LgrM8 and LgrM9 10:00 to 14:00

Information about other start-up activities along with PTA social events, will be provided through our school Administration Systems: [ManageBac and SchoolSoft](#) (www.isgr.se/systems). New international section parents should already have access to ManageBac and will receive their SchoolSoft login details shortly. Please check these systems regularly to ensure your details are up-to-date and you don't miss any important school information.

We encourage all parents (new and old) to read the Student and Parent Handbooks at www.isgr.se/handbooks and keep informed about ISGR procedures. We also suggest you review our pedagogical, health & well-being, and administration policies, which are listed on our website at: www.isgr.se/policies.

COVID-19 Measures for Prevention

The measures necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 continue this term. We must all continue to act with care for our whole community. Schools in Sweden will be open, but not without significant measures to help mitigate the risks of COVID-19. I would like to outline some of the measures here:

- Healthy students should be attending class, but students with any symptoms of illness should be kept at home until they are symptom-free for an appropriate time - you should call 1177 or visit www.1177.se for specific advice.
- Students who have been in Sweden less than two weeks before starting at ISGR should contact the School Nurse to talk about precautions to take:
 - Irén Borg Berglund (MYP - Chief Medical Officer) 0707 808 401
 - Susanne Hogner (PYP) 0705 807 841
- Physical Education is conducted in modified ways for students in F-5 and lessons are taken outside as much as practicable for students in grades 6-9.
- In the Primary and Middle schools we have introduced routines for students to wash hands on arrival at school, as well as before and after breaks. Teachers who observe students touching their face remind them to refrain from this action and to wash their hands.
- At both of our campuses, we have introduced extra cleaning of classrooms and corridors, with a focus on surfaces that are regularly touched, especially door handles.
- Each classroom has hand sanitiser which will be mandatory for students to use upon entry.
- Routines for practicing “physical distancing” have been implemented inside the school buildings as well as in the lunch canteen (“bamba”), where food is served by staff for primary students.
- During all breaks students will be outside (at both primary and middle school campuses)

Strategies are focused on long-term measures that are sustainable. We will continue to monitor and adapt to the advice provided by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and follow the direction of Folkhälsomyndigheten. Many areas in which we must take caution as a community are outside the scope of the school so we encourage you to follow guidance provided by the relevant authorities: [Frågor och svar om nytt coronavirus 2019-nCoV](#).

**** Principals will be sending out specific directions suitable for students and parents in their section before the first day of school, to keep the whole school community safe.***

Pre and After-school Programme - PAL

In order to reduce the amount of contact as much as possible we request:

- That parents pick up children from the corridor and do not enter the classrooms.
- That the parent leaves the school premises once they have picked up their child.
- For those with younger siblings call the PAL telephone number and they will come out with the child
- Morning PAL - before 8:00 it could take a slightly longer time due to new procedures. After 8:00 students are dropped off outside of school directly to PAL staff.

Key dates for 2020-21 Academic Year

Orientation Meeting (new parents & students PYP1-MYP10): Monday, 17th August 2020

First day of Autumn Term (new academic year): Tuesday, 18th August, 2020

Fall term break: ('Week 44') 26th October to 30th October, 2020

Last day of Autumn Term: Friday 18th December, 2020

First day of 2020-21 Spring Term: Monday, 11th January, 2021

For more school dates go to: www.isgr.se/parents/calendar

Pedagogical Leaders

If you have questions about the school programmes, please contact the relevant Principal, Deputy or (IB) Coordinator:

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LGRM Principal, Corinna Ljungberg: Corinna.Ljungberg@isgr.se

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We look forward to welcoming you to ISGR for a safe and successful start to the new academic year!

Kind regards,

Birgitta on behalf of the Leadership Team

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