

28th August 2020, Gothenburg

Head of School letter

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a smooth start to the school year and that you have settled into the school routines. It is wonderful to see our students happily embracing new procedures and at the same time learning why they are important in this time of a global pandemic. We must all continue to follow the directives in order to keep our whole community safe.

All students are welcome to school if they are symptom free. If a student comes to school with any symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home immediately. You should call 1177 or visit www.1177.se for specific advice about the symptoms. Students who have been unwell must stay home until they have had two symptom-free days. Any student that has been abroad will be required to contact the school nurse before being allowed back to school:

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○ Susanne Hogner (Guldheden Campus)

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All students are instructed to wash their hands during the school day, with methods appropriate to the age group. A special routine is used before students enter for lunch in the 'Bamba'. All classrooms are equipped with hand sanitisers. Students are told to be outdoors during break time.

Please discuss the importance of these measures with your child and ensure they have appropriate clothing for being comfortable in any weather. This is to enable us to continue learning in a safe environment.

Additional measures at Göteborg Campus include:

- A maximum of 25 students will be allowed in the student center at one time
- A maximum of 20 students may be in the library at one time
- There is extra cleaning of classrooms and corridors with a focus on all door handles
- There are routines practiced for social distancing while in the building and in 'Bamba' (lunch room)
- As far as possible Physical Education lessons will be held outdoors

Additional measures at Guldheden Campus include:

- Physical Education is conducted in modified ways for students in F-5
- Routines for students to wash hands on arrival at school, as well as before & after breaks
- Teachers who observe students touching their face remind them to refrain from this action and to wash their hands
- Extra cleaning of classrooms and corridors, with a focus on surfaces that are regularly touched, especially door handles
- Food is served by staff in the 'Bamba' for all primary students
- For PAL we request:
 - That parents pick up children from the corridor and do not enter the classroom
 - That parents leaves the school premises once they have picked up their child
 - For parents coming with younger siblings call the PAL telephone number and a staff member will come out with your 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

Another aspect that we have in place to avoid overcrowding at Guldheden is the entrance to the school for the students. Please see below which entrance is appropriate for your child's grade:

- Students in PYP1/F-1 enter in Door 3 (closest to the PE halls)
- Student in PYPF, PYP2, PYP3/2A and 3A enter in Door 2 (the downstairs entrance)
- Students in PYP4, PYP5/4A, 4B, 5A and 5B enter in Door 1 (the upstairs entrance)

At all times ISGR continues to follow recommendations from the WHO and Swedish Health Agency, [Folkhälsomyndigheten](https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/). If your child is at home after displaying symptoms please remember to report it on Schoolsoft before 8:00 as normal.

I would like to thank all parents and students for cooperating with the new routines and measures during these challenging times. This includes the extra efforts made to ensure fee payments were made on time to enable better planning for resources required during the term.

Kind regards,

Birgitta

On behalf of the Leadership Team

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