



13th November 2020, Gothenburg

Head of School letter - November update

Dear Parents,

We are certainly into the darker months and maybe some weather which will soon bring snow. It is however important to continue getting outside for some light, fresh air and exercise, so please make sure your children have warm clothing at school. When indoors, we must now be extra careful with the increasing prevalence of the COVID-19 coronavirus, as well as regular colds & flus at this time. The School has introduced new policies to help reduce the spread, including restrictions on parents entering the buildings - please make arrangements to meet staff members outside the school if meeting in-person is essential, but otherwise make use of our digital platforms for correspondence. Healthy children should be in school, but if a student is displaying any symptoms at all, then they should stay home until symptom-free for 48 hours. There is a process in place, led by [Smittskyddsenheten Västra Götaland](#) if a student or staff member contracts COVID-19.

I am sure the incident of threatening messages on instagram is still in your minds. I have continued to be in contact with the police who have reiterated that there is no threat against our school. Together with my colleagues in the Leadership team, we are pleased with the way staff, students and the community have come together to overcome this incident and move forward with better understanding of the challenges with social media misuse.

During this academic year we have seen stable student numbers in the international section of school. Your support in following the [School Fee Payment Plan](#) has been appreciated and assisted with the school's financial planning. This includes providing the required notice when withdrawing students, as the timing of students leaving impacts our monthly subsidies from the municipalities. This is why we have to impose a Late Fee for students leaving at short notice. The municipalities provide 80% of the school's income. Maintaining a stable economy in the school has allowed us to continue working with our development plans and provide necessary resources.

The Gothenburg City municipality has allocated funds in their budget for a new school building at Guldheden Campus. A pre-study has been completed and a project manager has been appointed by our Landlord, Lokalförvaltningen. The project manager will lead the process for finalising the design. The PYP Principal, Lee Brown, is the contact person for the school. The new building will provide increased capacity and new possibilities for teaching music and art.

Your ongoing support of the school is very much appreciated and helping make ISGR a strong community. If parents or student would like further advice about health and safety issues at school, our student health team is available, lead by Irén Borg Berglund (Chief Medical Officer) who can direct students to the best support - Phone: 0707 808 401

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For details specific to each section of the school, please contact your section Principal, however first look out for information which they will provide via SchoolSoft and ManageBac:

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I hope that all parents and students stay healthy during this time and find ways to enjoy the season and nice places that can be safely visited around Gothenburg. Please keep checking [Folkhälsomyndigheten](https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se) for the latest recommendations to follow.

Kind regards,

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