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Letter from the Head of School

Dear Parents,

This term we have had to quickly adjust to government guidelines and have different arrangements at each level of our school. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping our students adapt to the changes to routines and schedules. Please monitor information provided by the Leadership teams in each section for current details and any further changes which may come into effect following the 'Sportlov' break in Week Seven: 15th to 21st February, 2021.

The Swedish government has also issued travel warnings valid through the 'Sportlov' and Easter term breaks. Sweden's foreign ministry advises against non-essential international travel until 15th April 2021.

The foreign ministry's advice is not a legally binding ban, but has other implications that residents in Sweden should note, such as travel insurance potentially being invalid if you disregard the advice. At ISGR, we have determined missing school due to delays from travel restrictions to be invalid and such absence may jeopardise your place in the school. Due to the frequency of student absence so far this academic year, student leave has been restricted and all applications for leave are now reviewed by ISGR's Senior Leadership Team. An exception to the student leave policy is if you are awaiting COVID-19 test results, and we strongly recommend that any family member who has any symptoms or has been travelling, gets tested and receives a negative result before sending students to school.

Please continue to monitor and follow all recommendations, provided by the government via **The Public Health Agency of Sweden: [Folkhälsomyndigheten](https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/)**

We strongly advise that you follow the recommendation to wear face masks when travelling to the school on public transport during peak periods. A reminder that parents are not permitted to enter the school buildings and should meet their children outside - there is no exception to this rule.

I know the continual adjustments can be difficult but we are working hard to deliver our programmes in the best and safest way. We appreciate your ongoing support and commitment as partners in the learning process for our students - we are all learning during these times!

Kind regards,

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