

To the members of the school community of the
European School Frankfurt

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Dear members of the school community,

After 8 ½ weeks of intensive school work for everyone involved, the first well-deserved week of holidays is about to begin. Looking back, we can say that we have managed this long period very well. Most of the school staff have been vaccinated, as have many pupils, especially in the higher classes of the Secondary School. The regular tests have also helped us to detect infections, implement the planned measures in coordination with the Health Department and thus prevent further infections. Since the beginning of September, we have recorded a total of the following Covid-19 positive cases; almost all of them have recovered in the meantime:

Nursery 1, Primary School 9, Secondary School 11, teachers and staff 3.

We have updated our procedure for “COVID-19 positive” as well as the FAQ document according to the instructions of the Health Department. You can find both on our website under the link [COVID-19](#).

As already announced in my letter of 27 August 2021, we will once again have two prevention weeks in the first two weeks following the autumn holidays, as planned in Hesse. This means as follows:

Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant changes • No obligation to wear masks (until school enrolment, 6-year-old children are also exempt) • No self-tests
Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing masks is mandatory in the building, also at the seating area • Recommendation to wear masks also outdoors • 3 self-tests per week (Monday , Wednesday and Friday)
Secondary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing masks is mandatory in the building, also at the seating area • Recommendation to wear masks also outdoors • 3 self-tests per week (Monday , Wednesday and Friday), vaccinated and recovering pupils are exempt
Measures if there is a Covid positive case in a class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing masks is mandatory also at the seat for 2 weeks and daily self-tests • The class is not sent into quarantine in general, only close contacts, according to the decision of the Health Department • Vaccinated and recovered persons are generally exempt from the obligation to test and quarantine

This regulation is valid until 19 November, after which we will probably return to the practice of the last few weeks, unless decided otherwise by the political decision-makers. It is still important to take care of your own health and that of others and to observe the hygiene rules.

The school is currently revising the parking concept at the school. Considering the small number of parking spaces available, we have to deal with it efficiently and ask for strict compliance with the parking rules already in place. Until the new parking concept is published, we would like to point out that only members of the school staff and parents of the Kindergarten and P1-P2 are allowed to park on the school premises for drop-off and pick-up only. The revised parking concept will be communicated in November with a

separate communication. Allow me to point out that illegal parking in front of the fire exit (main gate C) and in the area around the school (e.g. Oberfeldstraße and Heilmannstraße) is unacceptable. Residents are right to complain that entrances and exits to private properties and garages are sometimes blocked. Help us to respect the rights of others and to act as a model for our children.

This year, our school aims to revise the communication policy. At the moment, an internal working group is working on the topic, but in the course of the school year all stakeholders will be involved in the revision of the policy in an extended working group.

As you already know, a Whole School Inspection is taking place at ESF this week. The inspection team is visiting classes and meeting with different target groups (pupils, parents, teachers). The main focus of this inspection is on learning and teaching. A report will be given to the school at the end, the results of which will be discussed in aggregated form with all parties involved.

Holiday time is often also travel time, so I would like to remind you to pay attention to the travel and return regulations for the various destinations and to act accordingly, so that we can all return to full classes in good health on 8 November 2021.

I would like to thank everyone for his/her commitment and tireless work. I wish you all a restful holiday week and plenty of time to recharge your batteries. Take care of yourself and stay healthy.

Kind regards,



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Director