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Dear parents,  
dear pupils,  
dear staff of the ESF,

Welcome to the school year 2021/22 at the European School Frankfurt.

I am very happy to welcome you all back to the school after the summer holidays. I hope you have all had a restful and relaxing summer, although probably not in the way originally planned. We have closely followed global and local developments in Germany, Europe and worldwide in order to plan the start of school in 2021/22.

As already announced in June 2021, we will open the school on 2 September for all our Nursery, Primary and Secondary school pupils (for P1 on 3 September). We expect to remain in the scenario of *in-situ* teaching, also because we believe that learning on-site, from and with classmates is important and of great benefit for the success of learning. Details regarding the organisation of the first school days and further information can be obtained from the respective secretariats.

During the first two weeks of school, as decided by the Hessian state government, we will start with two prevention weeks (ending on Friday 17 September), which will include the following measures:

- Increase the in-school testing frequency to 3 tests per week. Exempted from this procedure are: all Nursery school children; fully vaccinated pupils and staff (2 weeks after the last vaccination dose); documented recovered pupils and staff (up to 6 months after recovery); submission of an external test as an alternative to the in-school self-tests.
- **On the first school day** internal school testing takes place for all pupils (Primary and Secondary) and staff who are subject to compulsory testing. **Please make sure to bring the signed declaration of consent form or vaccination certificate or confirmation of an external test result on the 1st day of school and hand it to the class teacher** (the form is attached and available on our website).
- P1 pupils who start on 3.9.2021 will not be tested on this day and must show a negative external test result.
- Masks are also compulsory in the classroom during lessons (except for Nursery pupils).
- Masks are also compulsory on outdoor premises.

The attendance of *in-situ* classes is only possible with a negative test, vaccination or the proof of recovery. Otherwise, the pupil must be withdrawn from *in-situ* teaching in writing before the 1st school day and will participate via distance learning. There is no entitlement to certain forms of tuition and regular attendance must be guaranteed. At the request of the pupil the tests can be certified by the school in a test booklet provided for this purpose. The result is also valid outside the school.

After the two prevention weeks, the successfully established antigen self-tests will continue with the already familiar frequency of 2 tests per week. The obligation to wear masks in the classroom during lessons and outdoors will then no longer apply. According to the Hessian Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, Prof. Dr. R. Alexander Lorz, "there will be no more alternating lessons or distance learning", even with higher incidence values. However, if incidences reach 100, the wearing of a mask in the classroom is again foreseen. According to current information, a further prevention phase is planned after the autumn holidays.

The Permanent Vaccination Commission recommends vaccination against the Corona virus for all children from the age of 12. According to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration, vaccination is possible at all Hessian vaccination centers without any appointment or at pediatricians practicing privately.

Please find attached to this letter the updated hygiene plan, which we kindly ask you to read carefully. The latest version is always available on our website. However, we will have to remain flexible in the coming school year and adapt to changing conditions. Thank you all for your understanding.

Furthermore, we must draw your attention to the fact that you must follow the entry regulations of the State of Hesse if you are entering from a high-risk area or a virus variant area. On the website of the Hessian Ministry of Health and Integration you will find information on the entry regulations (Link: [Corona: Informationen zur Einreise nach Deutschland \(bundesregierung.de\); RKI - Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 - Informationen zur Ausweisung internationaler Risikogebiete durch das Auswärtige Amt, BMG und BMI](#)). There you will also find the link to the Robert Koch Institute with the current high-risk and/or risk variant areas (also in English). Adherence to the quarantine and testing regulations for entry from these areas is essential for the protection of all.

Our 2021 bacheliers have left the school after successful graduation and have probably spread out in all directions. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best for the future.

The replacement of the orange containers began in the summer and the work is expected to last until mid-October. We hope to finally be able to move into the new classrooms then. As far as the new school building is concerned, there seems to be some movement in the negotiations, but there is still no new data-based information.

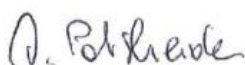
The smooth running of the school day can only function if everyone involved adheres to the currently valid rules. Sticking to the hygiene measures contributes to the protection of everybody's health and well-being. Please support us in meeting this requirement.

We are always grateful for constructive suggestions and feedback. Many thanks to all involved for the good and active cooperation. I would especially like to thank the Board of the Parents' Association and the management of EuroKids for the constructive and efficient exchange.

Moreover, I would already like to point out that the second pedagogical day will take place on 18 October 2021 and there will be no lessons for the pupils on that day.

I look forward to seeing the house filling up again on Thursday 2 September 2021 and wish all pupils, teachers, parents and staff at ESF a successful and successful school year 2021/22. Let us remain optimistic, take care of each other and tackle this special time with courage and confidence.

Kind regards,



Ferdinand Patscheider



Encl.: Hygiene Plan August 2021 and attachments (latest version see [Europäische Schule Frankfurt am Main - Hygiene Plan and Annexes \(esfm.org\)](https://www.esfm.org))