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

Welcome to the school year 2020/21 at the European School Frankfurt am Main.

I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing summer, although probably different as originally planned. With great attention we have been following global and local developments in Germany, Europe and around the world, and, in the last few days we have been planning a slightly different school start 2020/21. As already announced, we will be opening our doors on 2 September for all our pupils of the Nursery, Primary and Secondary School (for P1 on 3 September). We hope we will stay with this scenario as we believe that "collaborative learning" ("*Lernen in Beziehung*") is important and beneficial for the academic progress at school. For your information please find attached a detailed hygiene plan which we ask you to read carefully. However, in the coming school year we will have to remain flexible in order to be able to constantly adapt to changing conditions. Thank you all very much for your understanding. You will also receive detailed information on the individual school levels from the respective secretariats.

Moreover, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that you must comply with the entry regulations of the State of the Hesse if you are entering from a risk area. On the website of the Hessian Ministry of Health and Integration you will find information on the entry requirements (Link: <https://soziales.hessen.de/gesundheit/infektionsschutz/corona-hessen/quarantaenebestimmungen-fuer-rueckreisende>). There you will also find the link to the Robert Koch Institute with the current risk areas (also in English). It is essential to comply with the quarantine and testing regulations when entering the country from these areas in order to protect everyone. For those entering from non-risk areas, there is also the possibility to be tested, information on this can be found under the link <https://www.kvhessen.de/coronatests/>.

The health and safety of all remains our top priority, while at the same time we must and want to provide our children and young people with the best possible education. A quick return to normality is hardly thinkable, maybe not even desirable. We have learnt a lot over the past few months, and we should certainly maintain some of this knowledge and question traditional routines. Many of us have acquired new or enhanced digital skills in a very short period of time, and these should definitely be kept.



Our bacheliers left school in July and are now probably all over the world. We wish them all the best for their future careers. The S6 and S7 pupils will be given our special attention in the coming school year. We want to offer our pupils every opportunity to achieve an excellent and successful BAC.

There have been some changes in the school management over the last six months. The new middle management posts created by the Board of Governors will be filled by Ms Una Clancy in Primary School, Ms Kyriakoula Chatzivassiliadou in Secondary School and Ms Marion Kazda has won the competition for the post of Deputy Director of Administration and Finance. I would like to congratulate all three of them. The extended management team will be committed to ensuring the best possible pedagogical and administrative progress for the school year. We have also succeeded in recruiting a Security Officer for the ES Frankfurt, a warm welcome to the team to Ms Petra Semet who will start in this function on 1 September.

The orange containers should have been replaced in summer. The COVID Virus has disrupted the schedule, which could not be met. In order not to disturb school activities for months, the replacement was postponed to the end of the coming school year and the summer months of 2021. Many thanks to authorities of the City of Frankfurt for the good cooperation. As far as the new school building is concerned there seems to be some movement in the negotiations, but there is no new data-based information available yet.

A smooth daily school routine can only function if all those involved adhere to the rules and regulations. The observance of hygiene measures contributes to the protection of all our 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 for the fruitful and efficient exchange.

Allow me to point out that the school is organising the 2nd Pedagogical Day on 5 October, on which there will be no teaching for the pupils.

I look forward to seeing the school building filling up again on Wednesday, 2 September and wish all pupils, teachers, parents and staff of the ESF a successful and inspiring school year 2020/21. Let us remain optimistic, pay attention to each other and bridge this special time with courage and confidence.

Kind regards,

Ferdinand Patscheider

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Hygiene Plan August 2020 and annexes (the latest versions will be published on our website under the following link: <https://www.esffm.org/en/about-us/hygieneplan>)