



## **Corona protocol ISD Primary – Updated September 2020**

### **General guidelines and rules for primary education**

The Ministry of Education published the new protocol for returning to school after the summer holiday. The general guidelines include:

- All children are expected to go to school
- Children under 12 year do not have to keep distance from each other
- Adults should keep 1.5 metres distance from each other
- Schools are responsible for safety and hygienic guidelines (washing hands regularly)
- All children go home, to after school care or activities directly when school is out.

### **Hygiene and safety measures**

We will have some general hygiene and safety measures in place according to the Dutch primary school protocol:

- Everyone in school washes their hand multiple times a day for at least 20 seconds
- We don't shake hands
- We cough and sneeze in our elbow
- We try not to touch our faces
- We clean our school areas, surfaces and materials regularly + intensive daily cleaning (according to cleaning contract)
- We have enough hygienic materials (paper towels, soaps) in place and available for children and staff
- If 3 or more children or staff members are showing symptoms, we inform the local GGD to discuss next steps

### **When do children stay at home**

All children (PYP 1- 7) can come into school when they show cold-related symptoms (including minor sore throat) except:

- If the child shows fever (above 38 degrees) or other Covid-19 complaints (excessive coughing, loss of taste, respiratory complaints)
- If the child has been in contact with a patient with a confirmed case of Covid-19
- If a family member has a fever (above 38 degrees) or respiratory complaints.  
If you or your child has fever, respiratory complaints or other Covid-19 complaints as described above, we strongly advise you to get tested through the local GGD.  
(<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-test>)  
If children do not show the following complaints for 24 hours they can come to school:
- fever (above 38 degrees)
- other Covid-19 complaints (excessive coughing, loss of taste, respiratory complaints)  
In case of a positive test, you will receive more information from the GGD.

### **Staff and covering**

We have strict guidelines and hygiene measures for staff in place. In case staff members show any Covid-19 related symptoms, get sick or are tested positive for Covid-19 they will not come to school. Quicker testing for teaching staff is available since 21 September. Teachers with mild cold-symptoms and a negative test can come into school.

Absent staff members will be covered internally if possible. If internal cover is not possible, we have a bank of cover teachers in our system.

In the case that we do not have any cover teachers available anymore, we will divide the children across different groups.

In the case of a lockdown we have systems in place to switch to online learning immediately.

### **Traveling and quarantine**

If families travel back from an orange or red country, it is strongly suggested to go into quarantine for 10 days. Children from 4-12 years old can come to school. The status of countries or areas can be checked on <https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl>

### **Dropping off and picking up (and organisation first week)**

From this week, school is going to start at 8.15am for all children.

Children can be dropped off between 8am and 8.15am.

Because it can be busy with cars in the morning, we ask parents to park in the surrounding area of the school and walk their children to school. Or come by bike as much as possible.

***Children of PYP 1, 2 and 3*** can come into the playground between 8am and 8.15am.

Parents say goodbye at the gate. We will have staff members (all teachers and TA's in the first week) supervising the playground. At 8.15am children will be lined up by the class teacher and being brought in collectively. If PYP 1, 2 and 3 children are being dropped off with a sibling at the front door, we will direct them to the playground through the school.

Children will be brought out on the playground by the teachers at 2.45pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. And at 12.30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays (PYP 3; 2.45pm on Friday). Parents can come into the playground for pick up. Keep distance from each other and don't cross the second orange line from the gate for the safety of children and staff. As soon as we make (eye)contact with the parent or guardian who is picking up, we will send the children to them.

**Children of PYP 4, 5, 6 and 7** go through the front door. Parents say goodbye outside of school. In the first week (2-4 September) all teachers will be outside to collect the children and bring them in collectively. In that way parents and children can see and meet the teachers. From next week, children can go to class themselves between 8am and 8.15am. The teacher will be in the classroom from 8am.

For picking up, children will be brought out by the teachers through the front door. Children can be picked up by their parents there. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday school is out at 2.45pm. On Wednesday we will finish at 12.30pm.

If a child has a younger sibling in group 1, 2 or/and 3, they will go directly to the playground where they can be picked up with their younger sibling.

### **Parents and adult visitors in school**

With the current national rules and regulations in place, we are not allowing parents in school yet. This goes especially for the dropping off and picking up times. For school activities, voluntary activities, scheduled meetings etc. parents can come in school when previously arranged. Parents, as well as volunteers, that are coming in, need to fill in and sign a questionnaire. This questionnaire is also part of the national regulations on public places and schools. This will include questions about your current health. We will have prepared forms to fill in. In case of a Covid-19 outbreak in school the GGD (health organisation) may ask for a list of visitors for a certain day or time.

### **After school activities**

After school children will go home, to after school care or activities.

The after-school activities will start from the third week in September. Also, for external parties and teacher that are coming in we have strict hygiene protocols in place. The after schoolteachers will also take part in the health screening before they can enter the school. Any other information will be communicated through the after-school organisation.

### **Ventilation**

Ventilation has been a big item in the news lately. All schools are being checked on air quality and ventilation. Our system is connected and supervised by the TU Delft. The climate control also manages temperature and air quality. The standards of our system meet the requirements for primary schools. This gets checked regularly by the TU.