



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

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## **COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE**

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Greetings ISR Community,

I would like to use this opportunity to inform the ISR community about the following:

- **Regular Upcoming Communication**
- **School resuming for students in Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1**
- **Implementation of the Distance Learning Plan (DLP)**
- **Parent coffee meetings / providing support**
- **Students picking up their belongings**
- **Payment for lunch and bus services**
- **No After School Programmes (ASAA's)**

#### **Regular Upcoming Communication:**

To keep everyone in the community up to date and informed the following structure has been put in place:

- Each morning a management team will meet to discuss all questions/comments received and information that has been posted by the authorities over the previous 24 hours.
- Based on this discussion, a regular communique will be sent out each day to the community, generally each morning.
- A questions and answers (Q&A) document will be continuously updated and shared with the community and posted on the website.
- Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff will have a daily opportunity to ask questions. This input will form the basis of the morning discussions. We request that all non-urgent, non-private questions are posted in this form and not sent via individual email.
- [Our website](#) and social media will be continuously updated to provide quick access to the most recent communications and relevant information.

**School Resumes on Monday for Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1 (subject to declaration):**



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1. The Latvian authorities have stated that students in Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1 can attend school if parents first complete a declaration confirming that their family:

1.1. have not visited a COVID-19 affected country/ territory as listed by the the Ministry of Health.have not been in contact with people who have been highlighted by the Ministry of Health

1.2. do not have any other solution for their child(-ren) to receive day care.

1.3. This declaration document is attached in English, Latvian and Russian. *Please note: At the moment we are interpreting that this form needs to be completed daily and must be submitted to HR teachers prior to the students attending classes. These forms will be available at school.*

2. Therefore, we look forward to welcoming back our PS, KG and G1 students on Monday, March 16th, for a regular school day.

3. As classes will be offered at school, there will not be a distance learning plan put in place for these students.

4. Bus and lunch services will continue to be offered for PS, KG and G1 students.

### **Implementation of the Distance Learning Plan (DLP) for grades 2-12:**

1. The teachers have been continuously preparing to start delivering the distance learning programme on Monday, March 16th. More communication regarding logistics, etc. will come soon.

2. As mentioned previously, parents are asked to focus on these three areas at the moment:

2.1. Establishing routines at home

2.2. Ensuring adequate access to internet and computer devices

2.3. Monitoring children's health and wellness during this period of change

### **Parent coffee meetings / providing support:**

Principals will communicate with parents later today about planned coffee meetings to support parents with the implementation of the distance learning plan (DLP).

### **Students picking up their belongings**

Principals will communicate shortly with students and parents about when they can come to the school to pick up their books, materials, etc., between now and Monday, March 16th



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## **Payments for bus and lunches**

Students in grades 2-12 will be charged only for actually used lunch and/or bus services for this trimester, excluding the period of time as services are not being used due to DLP.

## **No After School Programmes (ASAA's)**

After School programmes are cancelled until further notice.

## **Questions/Comments about Distance Learning**

Please input your questions/comments about the distance learning at ISR using [this survey](#). You are encouraged to submit this survey as many times as you want.

As mentioned previously, more information is coming very soon and we ask that you check your email regularly for updates.

Kind regards,

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