



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

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## **COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA**

Greetings ISR community.

As many of you have just witnessed, the Latvian government has announced additional precautionary measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Latvia.

Please refer to official government websites for official communications ([HERE](#)).

In regards to schooling, the precautionary measures have not changed any of our current planning/programmings.

Specifically, the Latvian Government has announced that in order to support medical professionals, on Monday Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 children are welcome to come to school provided that parents sign and submit the declaration document (attached) requested by the government on a weekly basis. The School will not spend time verifying the information provided on the forms. The School will simply be ensuring that the government recommendations are fulfilled to allow access to the classes. Parents who chose to keep their Preschool - Grade 1 children at home will have distance learning support as well. However, due to the age of the children, this support will look very different and will be extremely dependent upon parental supervision and implementation.

As previously communicated, Grades 2-12 will continue to engage in the distance learning programme on Monday.

We remain committed to providing clear, direct and frequent communications. We kindly request that everyone get in the habit of checking their emails regularly throughout the day.

Also, if you have any questions or comments, please continue to let us know [HERE](#) throughout the time of the Distance Learning Programme. We will use your input to continuously update our frequently asked questions document.

One quick note from today's meetings. Parents do not need to go out and purchase extremely expensive headphones and/or speakers for the distance learning program. However, it is common for laptop and desktop internal microphones and speakers to be of



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poor quality. Usually, the addition of any external microphones and headsets, including low-cost versions, can drastically improve the quality of online interactions.

Kind regards,

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