

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please find below the answers to frequently asked questions in relation with the development of the Coronavirus

This document will be updated on a regular basis.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Information regarding the Re-opening of the tuition at the European School Karlsruhe

- Year 4 primary starting Monday 18th of May 2020
- KITAS starting from Monday 18th of May 2020, but only with a reduced number of children, maximum 50%
- Years 1, 2 & 3 primary as well, but from Monday 15th of June and only in a weekly rotation, years 1 & 3 one week, and years 2 & 4 the following, and only for 2-3 hours each day

The European School Karlsruhe has been preparing for various scenarios, but we have had to wait to see what the local authorities decided, as we are obliged to follow their steps towards reopening.

Here is what is currently foreseen in our school, in terms of reopening.

(Phase 1 – Monday 11th of May bring back S6 in secondary)

Phase 2 - Monday 18th of May 2020 we will welcome back years 4 & 5 in Primary

Phase 3 – From Monday 15th of June 2020 all the pupils could be concerned on a rolling basis to reach all grades (organisation not decided yet)"

Monday 18th of May & Tuesday 19th of May 2020 we will welcome back the pre-school children in Kindergarten.

- First day back the class teachers will inform the children about the rules and measures, and a film will be shown to clarify the need for social distance and hygiene, produced by the „Pädagogisches Landesinstitut“ in Rheinland Pfalz

- Class teachers will teach both groups in the main subjects, L1, Maths & DOW – L2 will go back to distance learning, work & links will be sent home, and in the school year 2020/21 L2 will be given a high priority.
- No lessons in mixed groups will take place - no L2, ethics/religion or European hours
- Each year group will be allocated their own designated play area for the breaks, and the classes will be sent out at two different times, 9.40-10.10 (A groups) & 10.15-10.45 (B groups)
- The flow in the buildings should always be in one direction, coming into school, going out for break, coming back in from break and going home.
- Masks are not mandatory for schools in Baden-Württemberg, and therefore also not mandatory at the ESK. However, the staff has been provided with masks and gloves – should they wish to use them – and I ask that you send a mask with your child to wear only when entering and exiting the school buildings. This is a kind request it is not mandatory. There is no need for a mask in the class room due to the 1,5 meters distance, or outside during break time, as long as the children respect the social distance.
- The Kindergarten will follow similar procedures. Full details will be sent out within the next days by the KG class teachers. The German classes are A groups, 7.45-12.15 and UK & FR classes are B groups, 8.00-12.30, similar to primary.
- All these things may of course change, depending on how the number of people affected by the Corona virus develop and if the rules for Baden-Württemberg change.
- Of course parents may change their mind, in both directions. But if a decision is made to keep the child home first, and then later changed to wanting to send the child to school, we must be informed at least 24 hours in advance.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Information regarding the Re-opening of the tuition at the European School Karlsruhe

Phase 1 – Monday 11th of May bring back S6 in secondary

Year 7 and the Baccaalaureate:

Will the BAC exams take place?

The regular BAC exams (June/July) have been cancelled. There is, however, the possibility to voluntarily sit the written and oral exams in total in autumn 2020 or to repeat the year 7. This decision must be communicated to the school by July 2nd (deadline to be confirmed).

How will the final mark be awarded?

The marks to the written and oral exams will be cancelled and the final mark will be awarded based on A and B marks (existing 1st semester A and B marks, and the 2nd semester A marks).

If you decide to sit the BAC exams in autumn, how will the final mark be awarded?

Once starting these exams session, the previously obtained final mark will not be any longer valid. The final mark will be based on A and B marks, and on the marks of the written and oral exams. The decision to sit the exams in autumn 2020 must be communicated to the school by July 2nd (date to be confirmed).

Will the in situ s7 lessons resume?

So far, they will not.

When will be the last day of school for S7 students?

Friday, June 5th

When will the BAC results be communicated to the students?

The date is still to be communicated.

When will the BAC ceremony take place?

Saturday, July 4th, 2020.

Will school events still take place?

No.

Will parents' evenings still take place?

No. Parents can contact the teachers directly via SMS or Email.

Will the school fees be reimbursed?

The Director understands and sympathises with the many requests by parents for a partial refund based on the Covid19 shutdown. Unfortunately, there is presently no possibility of reimbursing school fees / kindergarten fees in the European School system under the current circumstances. Please understand that the European School Karlsruhe cannot make an individual decision, but is bound by the decisions and regulations of the Board of Governors, which apply to all 13 European Schools. Your understanding and support is greatly appreciated during these extraordinary times.

Health and Hygiene measures

At the school we have liquid soap dispensers and paper towels in every room. Recently we installed sanitizing lotion dispensers at the entrance of the administrative building. All classes are aired regularly and the cleaning team follows the rules prescribed by the ministry of Baden-Württemberg.

https://km-bw.de/site/pbs-bw-new/get/documents/KULTUS.Dachmandant/KULTUS/KM-Homepage/Pressemitteilungen/Pressemitteilungen%202020/Hygienehinweise_Schulen.pdf

ENROLMENT AND RE-REGISTRATION

- Can I still enrol my child for the next school year 2020-2021?

Enrolment for the new school year 2020-2021 is still possible.
The request of enrolment including supporting documents must be submitted via e-mail (PDF attachment) to the Admissions Coordinator stefania.bartholdy@eursc.eu

The form and application procedure can be found here:

<https://www.es-karlsruhe.eu/admissions/application-procedure-and-documents>

- When are the enrollment deadlines?

We accept applications on a rolling admission basis and admit pupils all year round (with exception for the last two years 6 and 7 Class Secondary- which form a unit leading to the European Baccalaureate), subject to availability of places.

- When should I apply?

you can apply for a place as soon as you decide that we are the right school for your child. It is best that you apply as soon as possible, so that we can do our best to guarantee your child a place.

- What does the enrollment process look like?

For information on the enrollment process, please go to:

<https://www.es-karlsruhe.eu/admissions/application-procedure-and-documents>

If you decide to enroll your child(ren) at ESK please complete the Application Form in full and return it to the Admissions Coordinator by mail, or by email. The Admissions Coordinator will confirm receipt of your application by email.

Once we receive your application and the application fee of €200 as well as all supporting documents listed on the form, we will start processing your application.

The final decision regarding admissions is made by the Head of School.

The Admissions Coordinator will notify you of an admissions decision. If accepted, you will receive an official acceptance letter or email.

- The European School Karlsruhe is organised in three language sections – German, English and French. In what section will my child be enrolled?

The language section must correspond to the child's mother tongue or dominant language, in the case of multilingual children, the dominant language being the one of which they have the best command.

Determination of language section at the time of the child's enrolment is definitive in principle.

- To what class will my child be assigned?

Pupils/students are generally assigned to their equivalent class/grade in their home countries.

Please see the table of equivalences of teaching levels/years groups <http://www.eeb1.com/app/uploads/2018/02/2014-03-D-14-en-5-General-rules-EN-1.pdf>

However, applicant pupils will also be required to have an assessment test to gain a clear view of the level of attainment and of the ability of the pupil. Depending on the result and on available space in the relevant class the pupil will be offered a place.

The Admissions Coordinator is here to help answer your questions. Please write to Stefania.bartholdy@eursc.eu or call +49 721 6800972.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/LINKS

Where can I get information about the Corona Virus?

Das Robert Koch Institut in Berlin:

https://www.rki.de/DE/Home/homepage_node.html

Where can I and/or my children get psychological support during this time?

https://myschoolmanagement.s3.amazonaws.com/euroschools/78967/337582/Corona%20pandemic%20and%20stress%20https://www.rki.de/DE/Home/homepage_node.html0in%20everyday%20life.pdf

<https://myschoolmanagement.s3.amazonaws.com/euroschools/78967/337583/Coronapandemie%20und%20Stress.pdf>

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