**Restart Imelda June 2020**

**Nursery school and primary school**

Dear parents,

The National Security Council decided on Wednesday 27 May 2020 that all pre-school children and all primary school pupils can return to school. We are very pleased. Our children need to see their friends and teachers again and we look forward to see all the dear children again!

Of course we try to do this as safe as possible.

**How do we keep the school safe?**

The safety of our pupils and staff is the most important thing. The measures were seriously relaxed. Nevertheless, we choose to apply stricter measures.

We take these measures to keep the school environment as safe as possible.

* **Fixed groups** (contact bubbles): the groups remain the same as much as possible.
* **Separate playtimes**: the pupils will not all play together on the playground. In this way we avoid contact between the different groups.
* **Distance**: the teachers and pupils keep enough distance from each other. The classes of the primary school remain divided into 2 groups (even if this is no longer a requirement). In kindergarten, we do not expect the toddlers to keep distance from each other. For a toddler this is not realistic.
* **Mouth masks**: the pupils don't wear a mouth mask. School teachers wear mouth masks.
* **Cleanliness**: teachers and pupils can often wash or disinfect their hands with hand gel. The classrooms are regularly ventilated. The school cleans the classrooms thoroughly every day.

**When are the toddlers coming to school?**

* We made 2 groups (contactbubbles).
* The class of juf Leen (onthaalklas) and the class of juf Anja (1e kleuterklas) form 1 class bubble: they come to school on **Mondays and Tuesdays**. We start on **Monday June 8.**
* The class of juf Hilde (2e kleuterklas) and the clas of juf Kris (3e kleuterklas) form 1 class bubble: they come to school on **Wednesday (half day), Thursday and Friday**. We start on **Wednesday, June 3.**
* Toddlers are expected on their days **between 8:30 and 9**. They immediately go to the classroom where the teachers are waiting for them.
* They stay a whole day at school: **until 15.20 (on Wednesday until 12:30)**

**L1, L2 en L6**

These students have already started on 18 May 2020. Due to the new organization, **some days and hours have changed**. The classes remain divided into 2 groups and still receive half-day lessons.

**Your child's teacher will let you know the new exact days and hours as soon as possible**.

**L3, L4 en L5**

We are very happy to welcome these classes **from Friday, June 5**. In order to guarantee the best possible safety, we will split each class into 2 groups and the students will receive half a day's lessons each time.

**Your child's teacher will let you know the exact days and hours as soon as possible.**

**How is childcare organized for children of working parents?**

**NEW!!**

* childcare will continue to be provided for the children whose parents have to work.
* **NEW! This childcare will take place from Tuesday, June 2 in the IBO** (nijverheidskaai 97-99).
* This childcare is **free of charge** within school hours.
* The children are dropped off **at school in the morning** by their parents. The supervisors come to pick up the children at school at 8.30 a.m. and go to the IBO.
* If your child only has lessons in the morning, 2 teachers will bring the children to the IBO after the lesson. You pick up your child at the IBO.
* If your child only has lessons in the afternoon, your child will be picked up at the IBO by 2 teachers and brought to the school.
* If your child has a whole day of lessons and cannot be picked up after school, your child will be taken to the IBO and you can pick them up there.
* In the IBO the childcare takes place **until 18h** (paid from 16h - on Wednesday from 13h).
* If you have any questions, please contact the school on 02/410 37 85.

**As a parent, how do you do contribute to safety at school?**

* Wear a mouth mask when you take your child to school or pick him up.
* Drop your kid off and pick him up at the school gate.
* Do not enter the school grounds: not in the corridors, not in the classroom and not in the playground.
* Keep 1.5 meters away from other parents and children.
* Don't keep talking at the entrance.
* Want to talk to someone on the school team? Make an appointment by phone with juf Sophie or the teacher.

**What if your child is sick?**

* Sick kids have to stay home.
* Does your kid get sick at school? Then we'll put it in a separate room. We'll ask you to pick up your child. Then call the doctor. He or she will decide if your child needs to be tested.
* Is someone in your family possibly infected with corona or does someone in your family have corona? Then your child must stay at home for 14 days.
* Does your child belong to the at-risk group, for example, due to weakened immunity? Then the doctor will decide whether your child can attend school or continue learning at home.
* Does someone in your family belong to the at-risk group, for example, due to a weakened immunity? Then your child can follow the lessons at school. Unless the doctor judges otherwise.

**What happens if a staff member or child at school is infected with corona?**

* The infected person will receive the necessary care.
* The Centre for Pupil Guidance (CLB) carries out a contact examination and takes the appropriate measures.
* The CLB investigates with whom the infected person had contact. How long and how intense was the contact? This determines whether the contact was high risk or low risk.
* Is your child a high-risk contact of the infected person? Then your child has to stay at home for 14 days. Take your child's temperature twice a day. If your child develops symptoms of disease, you should contact your family doctor by telephone.
* Is your child a low-risk contact of the infected person? Then your child can continue to go to school. Have your child wear a mouth mask outside the home. Your child should also keep 1.5 metres away from other people. Limit extra social contacts and movements. If your child develops symptoms of illness, you should contact your family doctor by telephone.
* Aren't you being contacted by the CLB? Then your child can continue to go to school.
* We ask a staff member who falls ill at school to go home and to contact the family doctor by telephone.

**What do the pupils learn?**

* We limit ourselves to the essential educational goals. We ensure a balanced and varied range of subjects.
* Excursions and sports days will no longer go through this school year. This gives the pupils more time to learn and practice.
* Everyone gets a fair evaluation. We give all pupils every opportunity to prove what they can do.
* Due to the corona crisis, a number of agreements of the school regulations cannot be carried out. This is force majeure. As a result, our school regulations change.

**How do you prepare your child as a parent?**

* Talk to your child. reassure him that it's safe to go back to school.
* Prepare your child: which way to school, what to do on the bus or tram, explain why many people wear a mouth mask.
* Is it difficult to go back to school? Contact juf Sophie or the teacher. Together we can discuss solutions.

 **Would you like more information?**

* General information and frequently asked questions: [www.info-coronavirus.be](http://www.info-coronavirus.be)

*We realize that this period is difficult for you and your family. These adjustments are not easy for us either. It is quite an organisation to get your children back to school as much and as safely as possible. If you have more than one child, this will require a whole organization from you. We count on your cooperation to respect everything as much as possible. If you have any questions or doubts, do not hesitate to contact me or the teacher. We thank you in advance for your trust.*

Many greetings,

Juf Sophie and all teachers