**A safe start on September 1, 2020**

Nursery and primary school Imelda

Dear parents,

As you have probably heard in the media, all schools can open again on September 1. We are already looking forward to it!

After a lot of intensive preparation work, in which we of course take all legal requirements into account, we can finally provide some more information.

1. **We start in code yellow**

* We follow government guidelines to protect against the Covid-19 virus. Depending on the degree of contamination, levels have been set. Each level is color-coded. We start in code yellow. We take into account that Brussels will soon switch to code orange. With both code yellow and orange, all our children must come fully to school every day. The classes no longer have to be split up.
* One or more day trips are only allowed in phase yellow. This is no longer allowed from phase orange, except for swimming and gymnastics lessons on the move.

1. **Security**

* **The teachers** always wear **a mouth mask** within the school. In the nursery school the teacher is allowed to remove the mouth mask in the class. In primary school, the mouth mask remains on if no 1.5 m distance from the students can be kept.
* **The parents** always wear **a mouth mask** and keep **a distance of 1.5 m** at the school gate.
* **Parents drop their child (ren) off at the school gate**. Only the parents of the class of juf Leen (onthaalklas) and the class of juf Anja (eerste kleuterklas) are allowed to drop off and collect their child in the classroom. They reach this class via the stairs in the entrance hall.

1. **Hygiëne**

* Hand hygiene:
  + When entering the school, hands are disinfected with hand gel. Afterwards, the children immediately wash their hands and proceed to the classroom.
  + After each playtime and before eating, hands are washed.
  + When leaving the classroom, the hands are disinfected with hand gel.
* Classroom hygiene:
  + Every day the tables, chairs and handles are disinfected and the floor is mopped.
  + The toilets will be cleaned twice a day.

1. **Ventilation**

Providing fresh air is the best way to reduce the risk of contamination. The air currents prevent infection droplets from spreading and getting stuck in the air. **Windows and doors remain open**, even when it gets cold. **So make sure your child is dressed warm enough on colder days**.

1. **Drop off and collection of the children**

Unfortunately, the parents are no longer allowed to enter the school. The children are dropped off and picked up at the school gate.

* Drop off:
  + The pre-school care (7.30 – 8.35) is only for children whose parents have to work.
  + The other children are only allowed to come to school between 8.35 and 8.50 (make sure you're not late!). After washing their hands, they immediately go to their classroom.
  + We make an exception for the children in the class of juf Leen (onthaalklas) and the class of juf Anja (eerste kleuterklas): they may be dropped off in the classroom by mom or dad (with mouth mask).
* To pick up:

To avoid crowds in the hall and at the school gate, the classes come out at different hours.

* + Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
    - Pre-schoolers: **15.10**
    - 1st and 2nd class: **15.20**
    - 3rd and 4th class: **15.30**
    - 5th and 6th class: **15.40**
  + Wednesday:
    - Pre-schoolers, 1st and 2nd class: **12.30**
    - 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class: **12.40**
* IBO

Children who go to the IBO after school are picked up by the supervisors at 15.20 (on Wednesday at 12.30).

1. **In case of sickness**

* Children who return from a country or region with code orange follow the advice of the doctor.
* Children returning from a country or region with code red must be quarantined and must undergo testing.
* If a children has a fever or other symptoms of illness, the children stays at home and goes to the doctor. **Be sure to notify the school (02/410 37 85)**.
* Does your child get sick at school? We put it in a separate room. We then ask you to pick up your child.
* If an infection occurs at school, the CLB is responsible for follow-up. There will then be clear communication.
* If your child has to be quarantined, we will consider whether distance learning can be organized.

1. **Absences**

* **The children must come to school**, unless there is a valid reason: for example your child must be quarantined, your child is ill or belongs to a risk group (a certificate from the doctor is required for this).
* If you are concerned about the health of your child, please contact juf Sophie.
* Children who are kept at home for no valid reason are registered with a code for problematic absences. It is important that your child can talk about any feelings of anxiety. The CLB can help your child with this.

1. **Parents**

* We try to avoid physical visits to school during the school day. You can only come to school for an urgent reason. Please always contact us by phone first (02/410 37 85)
* Due to the corona conditions, we will approach the information moment differently. More info will follow.
* Individual parent contacts later in the year will be organized with the necessary measures.

*We would like to thank you in advance for following up the measures as closely as possible and making it a safe school year together with us!*

*Do you have any questions or concerns? Then do not hesitate to contact us.*

*We are already looking forward to see you all on Tuesday September 1.*

*Many regards,*

*juf Sophie and all the teachers*