



# **SCHOOL OPERATING PROCEDURES – COVID-19 AMENDMENT TO FIRE PROCEDURES**

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## **Introduction**

The German School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the health and welfare of its community members; pupils, staff, volunteers, parents, third party contractors and visitors. The aim of this policy is to provide an amendment to fire procedures during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic.

## **Action on hearing the Fire Alarm**

In the event of a fire alarm all buildings must be evacuated rapidly and safely. During a fire evacuation, the risk of injury due to fire or smoke has a higher priority than the risk of Covid-19 infection, and it is therefore acceptable to temporarily suspend social distancing rules in order to evacuate the building in a timely manner.

However, once outside of the building, social distancing rules **MUST** be re-established immediately.

## **Mustering on the School Sports Field**

The school muster on the sports field will take place as described in the standard fire procedures, with the following caveats:

- ensure that all adults and children maintain social distancing both within their class groups where appropriate, and from each other **AT ALL TIMES** (the number of classes is much reduced, there is ample opportunity to spread out across the field to maintain distance)
- once the incident is complete and the class groups are allowed to re-enter the buildings, groups **MUST** be released in a staggered manner by the person-in-charge to ensure that individual groups can go back to their classrooms without breaking social distancing rules