



# Continuity of Learning Plan

*Whole School  
2020/21*

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# The Process

The ISB Leadership Team, together with other key members of our team, have spent many hours considering the development of a Continuity of Learning Plan. This plan allows for flexibility, transparency and prioritizes the health and safety of our community and also recognises that some families may not be able to return due to serious underlying medical conditions. With this in mind,

ISB has developed three different school options, depending on how the public health situation in Basel and Switzerland develops. Please do note that the Coronavirus situation is rapidly changing. ISB will continue to review our plans, moving forward, and will continue to update and evolve our plans as we learn more.

## ISB Continuity of Learning Plan

Risk - Public Health Situation





## OPTION 1

# Return to Face-to-Face Learning

*All students attend school every day for face-to-face learning.*

### Structure of school day:

Students will return to school for the full day. The schedule may be modified depending on the health and safety measures in place.

### Health and Safety Measures:

ISB will have certain health and safety measures in place at each campus depending on the current situation and federal and cantonal requirements. Please refer to the Health and Safety Measures section at the end of this document and the [2020-21 ISB Health & Safety Measures](#) sheet showing measures currently in place.

### School sports and activities:

School sports and activities may be cancelled or significantly modified depending on the health and safety measures in place. Some may continue in a virtual, online format.

### ASPIRE:

The after-school ASPIRE programme may be modified or cancelled depending on the health and safety measures in place.

## OPTION 2

# All students follow the ISB Blended Learning Plan, with Middle School and Senior School students participating in a modified programme every other day

*Students follow the Blended Learning Plan, including enhanced health and safety precautions that include social distancing in classes.*

### Health and Safety Measures:

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### School sports and activities:

All school sports and activities either cancelled or significantly modified to allow for social distancing. Some continue in a virtual, online format.

### ASPIRE:

The after-school ASPIRE programme ceases.





## OPTION 3

# All students follow the ISB Distance Learning Plan

*ISB returns to the ISB Distance Learning Plan. We will continue to develop and evolve this programme to ensure maximum learning and students wellbeing.*

### Health and Safety Measures:

ISB will have certain health and safety measures in place at each campus depending on the current situation and federal and cantonal requirements. Please refer to the Health and Safety Measures section at the end of this document and the [2020-21 ISB Health & Safety Measures](#) sheet showing measures currently in place.

### School sports and activities:

All school sports and activities cancelled (unless it is possible for these to continue online).

### ASPIRE:

The after-school ASPIRE programme ceases.

## Toggling between Options

*While the current public health situation suggests a possible return to unmodified Face-to-Face Learning, trends from past pandemics suggest that it is wise to prepare for multiple future paths. The general consensus across the international school community is that we are more likely to toggle between the three Options based on the public health situation. It is thus vital that ISB prepare for all three possible future scenarios (Low, Medium and High Risk).*

*We believe that we are best prepared for the new challenges if we remain flexible and adaptable, able to move between one model and another as the situation dictates. This approach also allows us to cope with any unexpected infections within our own community.*

*All three of the above Options allow ISB to continue to offer students a high quality, child-centred learning experience, but in modified ways.*



# ISB Health and Safety Measures

*Depending on the current situation and federal and cantonal requirements, ISB will have certain health and safety measures in place at each campus. Below please find a list and description of the possible health and safety measures. Please refer to the [2020-21 ISB Health & Safety Measures sheet showing measures currently in place](#).*

*The below Health and Safety Measures are subject to change.*

## General

### **Visitors required to submit the online Coronavirus Self-Declaration form**

ISB requires all visitors to submit the self-declaration form at least 24 hours before the visit. ISB will make a decision on access to the school based on the answers provided and respond to the request within 24 hours.

### **Visitors (external) not permitted in buildings (unless pre-approved by the school for exceptional reasons)**

No visitors are permitted at this time unless pre-approved by the school leadership team (in exceptional circumstances) and until further notice.

### **All ISB families must agree to the ISB COVID-19 Health Guidelines Policy**

ISB has a COVID-19 Health Guidelines Policy that all families must agree to in order to enter campus. Families will be sent an email with instructions on how to review and agree to the policy. The policy will also be available on the Veracross Parent Portal.

### **Parents are allowed on campus, without special arrangements**

All parents are permitted on campus without restrictions. Invitation and/or pre-registration are not required to visit. Masks and social distancing are not required.

### **Parents allowed on campus by school invitation only**

Parents are permitted on campus by invitation only and must register and/or have a confirmed appointment. All parents are required to social distance and wear a mask during the visit.

### **Parents not allowed on campus**

Parents are not permitted on campus at any time.

### **Temperature taken upon entry**

All individuals must have their temperature taken onsite with a no-touch thermometer upon arrival at school each day.

### **SwissCovid App required by all students/staff who have a mobile phone with the appropriate minimum requirements needed for the app to run**

Contact tracing is used to identify people who have been in close contact with people who have been infected with the coronavirus. The SwissCovid app supports this process: it establishes whether we have been in close physical contact with someone infected. In this way, we can break the chains of transmission. EC1 - Grade 5 Staff and Grade 6-12 Staff and Students with a mobile phone are required to download and use the app. The app is GDPR compliant and adheres to strict national privacy regulations found [here](#).

### **Compulsory quarantine period for anyone arriving from a high-risk area, as deemed by the Swiss federal guidelines**

When you arrive in Switzerland from an area designated as high-risk, you are required by the [Federal Office of Public Health](#) to quarantine for the specified period.

## Hygiene

### **Increased cleaning frequency of shared surfaces**

Routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (e.g. tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, and electronics) with cleaners and disinfectants.

### **Sanitation & hygiene supplies provided**

The school will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviours (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues) and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques. Cleaning and disinfectant kits are supplied to teachers for each classroom.

### **Hand sanitization**

Staff will teach younger students and reinforce to all students the importance of handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Hand sanitizers will be available on each floor. All classrooms with sinks will be stocked with soap for regular in-class handwashing. We encourage everyone to wash your hands every time after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, during breaks, and before/after eating.

### **Limit sharing of personal items**

Students and staff are encouraged not to share personal items and supplies such as writing utensils. Personal items should be kept separate and in individually labelled cubbies, containers, or lockers.

## **Face Masks**

### **Description of required face masks**

Facial coverings may be disposable level-one (basic) grade surgical masks or textile (at least two layers of tightly-woven fabric) and cover both the nose and mouth. Disposable facial coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day. Textile masks should offer sufficient protection against liquid droplets of different sizes produced during coughing or sneezing and aerosols (particle size down to 1 micrometer) and must be washed daily.

### **Face masks NOT required**

Face masks are not required at this time and individuals can visit all areas of campus without wearing a face mask.

### **Face masks required to be worn on public transport - to and from school**

All ISB community members must wear a mask on all forms of public transport when travelling to and from school. This applies to trains, trams, buses, and funicular railways – including on the outside deck.

### **Masks required in all classrooms**

Face masks will be required for students, teachers, and staff in all classrooms.

### **Masks required in some classrooms - where social distancing is not possible**

Face masks will be required in classrooms with physical contact, such as drama.

### **Masks required in hallways and common areas for students and adults**

Face masks will be required in hallways and common areas.

### **Masks required in hallways and common areas for adults only**

Masks are required to be worn by adults only, not students, in all hallways and common areas.

## **Reporting**

### **Normal absence reporting for any student absent from school or lessons**

Parents are required to report an absence any time their child will be absent, arrives late, or needs to leave early (whether during face-to-face or distance learning) via the [Communications Parent Portal](#). Full and partial-day student absences are recorded along with the reason for the absence. Please also notify the school at [coronavirus@isbasel.ch](mailto:coronavirus@isbasel.ch) if anyone in your home has a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 diagnosis.

### **Absence reporting only if student unable to participate in online learning**

Parents are required to report an absence only when their child is unable to participate in online learning. Typically this will only happen when ISB is following the Distance Learning Plan.

## Schedule

### **Staggered break times**

Students will have staggered breaks to ease congestion, reduce queuing, and make break times more relaxed.

### **Staggered lunch times**

Students will have staggered lunch breaks to ease congestion and reduce queuing.

### **Staggered start and end to the school day**

Staggering start and end times will help reduce the traffic entering and exiting the building as well as congestion on public transportation. Parents will be informed of the start and end times for their child.

### **Smaller group student assemblies by grade level**

Smaller assemblies within grade levels are allowed. Social distancing and/or face masks may be required.

### **Large group student assemblies that include more than one grade level**

Indoor school assemblies that bring together students from more than one grade level are permitted.

## Facility

### **Coronavirus information posters hung around campus**

Official information posters will be visible around campuses to encourage proper hygiene, provide health guidelines and reminders, and relay important directional information.

### **Social distancing lines on floor at entry points**

When lining up to enter the building or a room, please pay attention to any physical guides, such as tape markings on floors or signs on walls.

### **Directional signage in hallways and stairs**

Directional signage will be placed on floors and/or walls to keep traffic moving in a single direction. We ask all community members to follow the directional signage.

### **Limited number of people allowed in bathrooms**

Bathroom capacity limits allow for social distancing. Please see the signage on the outside of the bathroom for the capacity limit and check the number of people in the bathroom when entering.

### **Water fountains closed for drinking - only used to refill water bottles**

The drinking fountains will be closed for drinking. We ask all staff/students to bring water bottles for drinking and those can be refilled from fountains.

### **Different entrances/exits for grade levels**

Students will be designated different entrances/exits by grade/class. The school will communicate the designated entrance/exits for students before any change. Parents will be informed which entrance or exit their child will be using.

## Food

### **Snacks and lunch to be brought in from home - no food provided by Passion Food**

Students should bring in packed lunch and snacks from home.

### **Lunch offered by Passion Food**

Passion Food, the food provider, is in service and students can enjoy lunch at school.

### **Lunch eaten in classrooms**

Students stay in their classroom for lunch to limit unplanned interactions with students from other classrooms and grade levels. Food may be brought from home or, if purchased from Passion Food, lunch will be delivered to the classroom.

### **Lunch eaten in cafeteria with a modified seating plan**

The cafeteria will have a modified seating plan to allow for social distancing between students during lunchtime.

### **Lunch eaten in cafeteria with an unmodified seating plan**

The seating plan is back to normal and social distancing rules no longer apply.

## Playgrounds

### **Playground split into zones**

The playground will be split into zones and students will be required to stay within the zones to which they are assigned - they will not interact with anyone outside of their zone.

### **Modified playtime**

#### **(e.g. limited and monitored activities)**

Types of playtime activities are modified to reduce contact and allow for social distancing.

### **Students must social distance on the playground**

Students are allowed on the playground, but must follow social distancing rules.

### **Normal playtime**

Playtime is unrestricted and the full playground areas are open.

## Classroom

### **Unmodified face-to-face learning**

All students and staff return to face-to-face learning. Additional health and safety measures may be required.

### **Full return to face-to-face learning but some lessons take place online, while at school**

All students and staff return to face-to-face learning. Some classes, where social distancing is not possible, may take place online while students are distancing in multiple classrooms. This allows students to remain in a class “bubble” and limits student-to-student cross-group contact.

### **Students staying in one room with teachers moving between classrooms**

Students will stay within their classroom during the day with different teachers going to the corresponding classroom. This reduces cross-group student contact.

### **Plastic partitions between desks where social distancing and masks are not possible**

Plastic partitions act as a barrier between students when they are in close proximity to each other.

### **Social distancing in the classroom**

#### **(as per cantonal directive/suggestions)**

Classrooms will be set-up to maintain 1.5 meters of social distance between students and teachers.

### **Restriction on number of students in each room**

The capacity of each room will be determined with social distancing rules in place. Depending on class size and room capacity, some classes may be moved to a room with larger capacity

## High Risk Individuals

### **Individuals in the high-risk category**

Individuals who fall into the high-risk category (per the [Federal Office of Public Health](#)) are strongly recommended to stay home. Students at high-risk who are therefore not able to attend face-to-face learning will follow the Shared Learning Plan.

## Activities and Sports

### **ISBX and School Activities (during normal school hours) take place**

All ISBX activities that occur during the school day will take place. This includes break time activities, lunchtime activities, and Z-Block activities. Face masks and/or social distancing may be required.

### **After School ISBX and School Activities take place**

All after school activities take place (subject to Risk Assessment Evaluation closer to the start times of the activities). Face masks and/or social distancing may be required.

### **After School Athletic Sports training takes place**

All sports activities happen as scheduled (subject to Risk Assessment Evaluation closer to the start of the sport training). Face masks and/or social distancing may be required.

### **Competitive inter-school athletic sports competitions take place**

Competitions, races, matches, and games involving interactions with other schools occur as scheduled (subject to Risk Assessment Evaluation and inter-school league schedules).

### **ASPIRE after school care provided**

After school care occurs as scheduled for all registered EC1 - Grade 5 students. Drop-in service must be registered before 14:00 on the same day. Children may be split into smaller group and have modified activities.

### **ASPIRE after school care is NOT provided**

After school care is not available due to cross-group student mixing.

## **Trips**

*All trips will be subject to Risk Assessment Evaluation as part of planning process*

### **Day Trips (in Switzerland) allowed - no overnight stay**

Day trips within Switzerland are permitted (subject to Risk Assessment Evaluation). Registration may be required.

### **Regional (in Switzerland) Field Trips allowed - including overnight stays**

Field trips within Switzerland that include an overnight stay are permitted (subject to Risk Assessment Evaluation). Registration will be required with parent consent.

### **International (outside Switzerland) Field Trips allowed**

Field trips abroad are permitted (subject to Risk Assessment Evaluation). Registration will be required with parent consent.

## **Events**

### **Events involving under 50 adults allowed**

Events under 50 adults are permitted. Social distancing and/or face masks may be required. Registration for events is required.

### **Events involving under 300 adults allowed**

Events under 300 adults are permitted. Social distancing and/or face masks may be required. Registration for events is required.

### **All Events allowed**

All events are permitted without restrictions.



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