

ISZN School Closure

Dear Parents,

You will probably be aware that the Federal Council have just issued a notice for all schools to close with immediate effect up until April 4th due to the COVID-19. Consequently, **ISZN will be closed for students until at least April 4th.**

We understand that this is an exceptional situation and that you will have concerns about the potential disruption to your children's learning. These concerns are likely to be particularly shared by students who are preparing for their iGCSEs or A level examinations. However, please rest assured that **although the children cannot come to school, their learning will continue.**

During the last fortnight we have planned extensively for this situation. Upon the advice of Cognita colleagues in Asia, where online learning has already been in place to good effect for many weeks, we have developed a detailed plan of action to ensure that students' learning continues via digital systems and virtual meetings with teachers. Arrangements will be different for students in Secondary and Primary; and you will receive a communication from Mrs Nolan or Mrs Price on Monday morning with further details. Children in Early Years have received a package of work to take home today (absent children will receive it in the post, whilst all Primary pupils have received pre-prepared German work. Furthermore in advance of Monday, we encourage Secondary students, particularly those in Grades 10 and 12, to check Edmodo for further guidance from their teachers.

In essence, our plan ensures the continuity of teaching outside the classroom and is based on a mix of "remote" learning and "online" learning. The "remote" learning will be carried out using the existing materials available to the pupils such as textbooks, emails interacting with the teachers, etc. This will be supplemented with a specific timetable of "on-line classes" (details of which will accompany the communications from Mrs Nolan and Mrs Price on Monday).

It is important to highlight that the majority of our pupils will be able to follow the personalized virtual learning in a mainly autonomous way (obviously with regular supervision and feedback), but we do ask for your help with the younger children, as they are likely to require your support.

Unfortunately, though inevitably, all extracurricular trips and activities are cancelled until further notice. Similarly, any scheduled school events will be postponed until an appropriate time.

This is a fast-moving situation and thus we will continue to communicate updates and further plans as things develop. During these difficult circumstances I encourage you to exercise judgement and restraint in online communications, and keep yourself and your loved ones safe by following government advice.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,

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