

14 March 2020

Dear ISH Families,

Please see below for recent updates regarding school planning for the coming week:

*In accordance with the sharp reduction in student attendance outlined in our Crisis Response Plan as well as the guidance from Terveysten ja hyvinvoinnin laitos (THL) to reduce social contact, the ISH Leadership and the Board of Governors recommend all students Discovery to grade 12 stay home beginning this Wednesday March 18 to begin our Distance Learning Plan.**

- *Monday (16 March): School is open all day for students who want to attend normal classes or for families who would like to only pick up supplies/clothing. Minimal distance learning options are available only for high school classes on Monday (as manageable).*
- *Tuesday (17 March): No school for students. Teachers will prepare for the implementation of the Distance Learning Plan.*
- *Wednesday (18 March): The Distance Learning Plan begins for all students.*
- *Thursday (19 March): Distance Learning Plan in effect*
- *Friday (20 March): Distance Learning Plan in effect*

**Please note that this decision is not a school closure. For Basic Education (grades 1-9) the distance learning plan will be the recommended learning delivery option for guardians.*

More information will be shared by early this week to clarify planning for the transition to distance learning.

Health Guidelines - In the meantime, all students exhibiting flu-like symptoms should stay home. Anyone with symptoms should also contact 116-117. Our new school nurse, Kirsi Peltoranta, is our liaison with the Finnish Health system and the best school resource to contact with health-related questions or concerns (kirsip@ishelsinki.fi).

- [This link shares the latest information from the City of Helsinki.](#)

The Crisis Team continues to meet and communicate regularly to share updates with our community.

Sincerely,

ISH Leadership Team