

Wednesday, 13 May

Dear ISH Families,

Welcome to ISH Safety Learning. Campus is ready to welcome all students and staff back to campus. Rooms are cleaned and desks are appropriately spaced. Taped indicators help remind everyone how to stay socially distant at 2 meters apart when lining up to enter the building or waiting for a toilet. Sanitizers and soap dispensers are full and easily accessible. Additional furniture is removed to create more space for moving around campus. All is ready and waiting.

Please know we're confident that our ISH Safety Learning plan meets the needs of our community given current precautionary guidance. As we move forward, this is a working plan and we will adjust practices and procedures as we learn what works well. Thankfully, we are a learning organization and will certainly use that ethic to learn and improve.

Thanks for all of your efforts to prepare your child(ren) for a return to school. We ask all parents to review grade level information carefully and share the important and relevant details with your child(ren). Thank You!

We'll send messages on Thursday and Friday afternoons to share updates from the first days back on campus. Until then, please see below for helpful information:

New or Updated Information

- **Schedule for Week 20** - ISH is now transitioning into our Safety Learning Plan.
 - We will follow the ISH Safety Learning Plan for 14-15 May.
 - We will follow the ISH Safety Learning Plan for Week 21 (Except no classes on 21 May - Ascension Day)
- **What should students bring to campus each day?** Lower and Upper School students should only bring necessary materials back and forth to school each day.
 - For Lower School, students should bring a charged device (iPad or laptop) and headphones, a snack, water bottle, and one's blue bag.
 - For Upper School, students should bring a charged laptop and headphones, a snack and water bottle, and any other learning supplies for classes that day.

Previously Shared Reminders

- **Health Recommendations** - Key recommendations to reiterate with your child(ren) have not changed:
 - Wash hands regularly with soap and water.
 - Keep hands away from your face.
 - Be socially distant aiming to maintain 2 meters between yourself and others.
 - If you are feeling unwell, stay home or go home to recover.

- [ISH Safety Learning Plan](#) - This Safety Learning Plan is to be in effect from 14-29 May 2020. Grade-level and program-specific procedures and expectations are now included as links within this ISH Safety Learning Plan. Please bookmark this site for reference.
 - [ISH Safety Learning Plan FAQ's](#)
 - [Lunch Info](#) - The cafeteria will serve student lunches every school day during Safety Learning. Detailed plans about how lunch will be served have been shared in grade-level communication. Also included are projected lunch menus for the next couple of weeks. Please note that special dietary accommodations cannot be met during Safety Learning. Families with students with specific dietary needs should send food from home.
 - **General Health Reminders for Finnish Schools** - Students should not come to school if they have any symptoms related to COVID-19. If a LS child becomes ill during the day, she/he will be isolated from others and wait for parents' pick up. US students will be sent home and parents will be notified. Our school nurse will support this process. Anyone who has been infected with COVID-19 should stay out of school for a minimum of 7 days after infection or the onset of symptoms or for 2 days after symptoms cease. The following links provide symptoms of COVID-19 and how it is transmitted:
 - [COVID-19 Information](#)
 - [COVID-19 Impact for Children](#)
- [ISH Counselor Corner](#) - Still a helpful resource for ISH students.
- **Library Returns and Tech-device Returns** - Stay tuned for information sent from the library and from the tech department sharing guidelines for students and families needing to return items to campus before summer.
- **Summer 2020 Camp Opportunities** - More info to be shared shortly. If you are interested if this opportunity is able to take place, please contact drewh@ishelsinki.fi.

Be safe. Follow guidelines. We can do this together.

Sincerely,
The ISH Leadership Team