

Tuesday, 26 May

Dear ISH Families,

Please see below for helpful school information:

2020-2021 School Planning

- **August 2020** - ISH plans to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year under normal operations. Current [THL school instructions](#) guiding Finnish schools expire as this school year ends. If Finland provides new school instructions to begin the 2020-2021 school year, these guidelines will be shared with schools at summer's end. This May ISH developed safety protocols, adjusted learning routines, and shortened/staggered daily schedules to prioritize a safe on campus experience for our learning community. This plan reflected a conservative approach for our students and staff to return to campus safely to end the school year. As we look ahead to next school year, there may be times when our school needs to initiate similar distance or safety learning practices. If necessary, any revised plan would reflect learning from this spring as well as current understandings/regulations at that time.
- **[ISH Distance and Safety Learning Parent Survey](#)** - We have developed this short parent survey to gather feedback reflecting on both the Distance and Safety Learning Plans. Responses will provide leadership with helpful feedback if similar planning is necessary in the future. We ask all families to complete one survey per child who is an ISH student. A similar survey will be shared with Grade 5-12 students this week as well. Thanks!
- **Summer 2020 Communication** - Please expect regular school messaging every two weeks throughout the summer to update our community about planning for the coming school year.

Last Week of School Information

- **Student Events** - There are three more scheduled school days (27-29 May). On Friday, 29 May, students will end the school year with virtual classroom and grade level celebrations. For Lower School, Crews and Grade levels are planning virtual Google Meets to say goodbye to each other. For Upper School, parents are invited to join the Upper School Recognition Assembly. We will send an invite to those parents of students who are receiving a recognition for their academic achievements. The assembly begins at 15:00 and to join, please click the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/5319752038> or join this meeting ID: 531 975 2038.
- **[ISH Graduation](#)** - On Saturday, 30 May, ISH Graduates will participate in a virtual graduation and an in-person, individualized diploma ceremony outside behind campus. Our goal has been to provide the widest range of experiences for all students and their families to make the graduation experience as special as possible while maintaining standards of public health. We're excited to celebrate this special day with our graduates.
- **Upper School Final Reports** - Please know that final reports for Semester 2 will be shared with families via Managebac on 29 May. This report shares summative teacher feedback regarding student progress for the school year.

- **Returning Lower School iPads and Macbooks** - All Early Years through Grade 4 iPads and Grade 5 MacBooks should be returned to campus before the school year ends. Teachers will inform students/parents when the last day iPads and MacBooks will be needed for educational purposes and after that day, students should bring their iPads and MacBooks to school to leave in their classrooms. Guidelines for returning iPads and MacBooks include:
 - Please wipe the screens and home button clean with a disinfectant wipe
 - Make sure there is no personal passcode on the iPad/MacBook
 - Return your charging cable

We need ALL Lower School iPads and MacBooks to be returned so we can manage them properly and prepare them for the learning needs in 2020-2021. There is no need to log out of applications on the iPad/MacBook. The same iPads/MacBooks will be issued to the same students next school year and leftover iPads/MacBooks will be wiped back to factory settings. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Coach Stokes directly:

coachstokes@ishelsinki.fi

- **Grade 6-11 Student Laptop Plan for Summer** - All Grade 6-11 students should plan to keep their MacBook laptops over the summer. Only leaving students (students not returning to ISH) need to return their MacBooks to the 2nd floor Tech Lab by Friday, 5 June. Thanks.

Previously Shared Reminders

- **ISH Safety Learning Plan** - This Safety Learning Plan is to be in effect from 14-29 May 2020.
 - [ISH Safety Learning Plan FAQ's](#)
 - [ISH Counselor Corner](#) - Still a helpful resource for ISH students.
- **End of School Year Reminders**
 - **Lower School Reports** - Lower School families should have received final reports on Friday, 22 May via Managebac. Should you have any questions please reach out to Ms. Skrtic or your child's teacher.
 - **ISH Lost and Found** - Please note that all unclaimed items have been donated.
 - **For Families Departing ISH** - Communication was shared with departing families detailing tech procedures to manage before the year ends. Please connect with Ms. Chen if you have questions about this process (anitac@ishelsinki.fi).
 - **Summer Library Book Loans for ISH Students/Families** - Returning ISH families are welcome to check out books for summer loans. Families should [click this link](#), identify the books they wish to check out, and then send an email to either the library assistant at tarjav@ishelsinki.fi or the librarian at marionm@ishelsinki.fi.
 - **Spirit Wear Orders** - Orders that are not for leaving families will be distributed in August when all items have arrived and there is a safe way to distribute. Due to COVID not all orders have arrived. Returning families will receive their orders upon return to school in August. Any questions/concerns, please email High School Student Council President Helena, elsa-s@ishelsinki.fi.

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

Sincerely,
The ISH Leadership Team