

Return to school 2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Is school compulsory at this time?

The *rentrée 2020* is for all pupils and Faculty, following the guidelines established by the French government. If your child is clinically vulnerable, please contact the school with a medical note.

What are the measures and arrangements put in place in school?

We observe all of the recommended safety guidelines issued by the French government. See the link to the official *Rentrée scolaire 2020: le protocole sanitaire de référence* on the website page. A summary of the measures we are taking is below, and should be read in conjunction with our internal protocol.

Start of school/drop off

There will be three gates used for drop-off: the main gates, the Primary gate and the gate by the EYFS building. Both Primary and Secondary gates will be staffed. Parents bring their very young children into Nursery.

We will open the **Secondary school** gates earlier than normal, at 8.00 am, to ease throughflow, allow distancing and reduce bottlenecks. The **Primary school** will open as before at 8.30, as will the **Nursery/Early years**.

We ask parents who are dropping off children not to congregate outside for the time being, and always to wear masks, even outside.

Will we continue to measure children's temperatures at the school gate?

Yes. We have been fortunate to have acquired a number of thermal cameras. This means that we can check the temperature of people coming on-site quickly and easily. A higher than normal temperature is a good indicator of possible COVID19 infection.

The cameras will indicate high temperatures and if we have a concern a second will be taken after ten minutes. If a student has a temperature of 38°C or above, then we will accompany them to the nurse's room, keep them in isolation and ask for them to be collected and tested.

Should my child wear a mask in school?

All students in the Secondary school must wear masks all the time when in a closed space on campus, even when 1-metre distancing is possible. Children under the age of 11 do not have to wear a mask in school **except** when travelling to French, PE and music in the Secondary school. Please remember that masks have to be

changed on a regular basis if they are to be effective and safe. All used masks will have to be stored safely if they are washable or disposed of in the bins on site. All staff, at all levels of the school, will wear masks, as required by the *protocole sanitaire*, even when a minimum distance of 1 metre is possible (this requirement has changed since the previous edition of the *protocole*). All parents should supply masks to their children - we will have an emergency supply in school only.

What else do you have in place to keep people safe?

Handwashing

We have good stocks of alcohol-based gel and dispensers around the site, and every classroom has a supply of the gel as well and loads of soap and water. The Secondary gate has two dispensers, and the Primary gate has one. All pupils should use the gel on entry to school, and wash hands frequently during the day: at break times and before lunch as a minimum. We dry hands using paper towels dispensed from non-contact dispensers and gloves are used for certain tasks.

Flow markings on floors

There are flow markings on floors to encourage distancing and purposeful movement between lessons and to relieve pinch-points. We will have *priorité à droite* - keeping to the right of the corridor. Staff will be around in corridors as lessons change. There are posters visible all over campus reminding everyone of the importance of frequent handwashing, good hygiene practice and ways of keeping as safe as possible.

Fresh air

All classroom windows will be open at all times during lessons, to enable fresh air to circulate.

What about school medical services?

Alison Vibert replaces nurse Marion. Ms Vibert will be working full time, from 8.15am to 4.15 pm every weekday, and her nurse's station is on the ground floor of the Performing Arts Building. She will be onsite from 8.15am to 4.15pm every day.

Teaching and Learning

It is widely accepted that having children back in school is an imperative, but *confinement* has provided us with useful experience of online work setting using Google Classroom, and we will continue to use this platform.

Will my child have their regular teachers?

Yes - all teaching staff will be onsite and teaching.

I'm worried about my child's academic progress – what should I do?

Contact your child's class teacher/ tutor in the first instance, who will be able to help, or put you in touch with another specialist.

A pastoral or welfare matter is troubling me – What should I do?

You have a choice of routes to take: speak to a class teacher or tutor, or if it something that you feel is very serious then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mr Robert Cooke. If necessary, do feel that you can contact any member of the Senior Leadership Team .

What about break times?

Morning break will have no special restrictions, though we will encourage students to stay outside while weather permits.

What about lunch?

We offer lunch, with our brand-new catering company Garig, but the same friendly personnel as before in the Cafédés Amis - for all pupils who are in school. The Early Years children will be served in their own building. There will be two sittings, for Primary students between 12.00 and 13.00, and for Secondary school students between 13.10 and 14.00, with those students in the Sixth Form who are free encouraged to eat outside of the busiest times.

All students, including primary, will be required to clean their hands using the alcohol gel dispenser as they enter the dining room, and continue to wear masks until they sit down with their food.

What is the situation regarding after-school clubs and activities?

We will run after-school activities wherever we can. We are reviewing the area of contact sports.

What about trips, travel, expeditions and fixtures?

We have imposed restrictions on travel this term and will review at Christmas. At present there are no overnight expeditions, or whole-day expeditions, and we will not travel outside France.

Will students be able to sit retake examinations in the Autumn term at school?

Public exams will go ahead as planned by the Examination Boards in October - November, and those students who have registered to retake examinations will do so in school, in the traditional way. Please contact Ms Downes, Examinations Officer, if you have any questions.

Under whose jurisdiction does Mougins school fall?

We are an International school in France and as such we have to follow the rules laid down for French schools about distancing, class size and hygiene.

Visitors to school

We welcome visitors to our school. Masks are compulsory for all adults.

What's the security on site?

We continue to employ a security guard and our CCTV cameras are being monitored as usual.

Can we use bike racks?

Students can leave their bikes in the racks provided although we advise leaving space between each cycle.

Is there any extra cleaning going on?

Yes. Our cleaning team is providing us with a full daily cleaning service using virucide agents on floors and surfaces, and our catering company, Garig, will clean tables and surfaces in the Café des Amis between services. Again we are closely following the *protocole sanitaire*.

How long will these measures be in place?

We are unsure as to how long current measures will be in place, but we will review them every half term.

There is a question that I want to ask but it isn't answered in these FAQs.

Please do not hesitate to contact staff via the usual channels. The context in which the school is operating and the situation in the world at large is evolving and so an FAQ sheet may not cover what it is you want to know – please ask.