

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Luxembourg, May 5th 2020

Subject: Gradual resumption of courses on May 11th, 2020

Dear parents, dear students,

After a fairly long period of confinement, face-to-face classes will resume under special conditions, by decision of the government, from Monday, 11th May 2020. Wishing that this “back to school” can be carried out in all serenity, I would like to provide you with some important information:

1. The schedule

In order to limit the number of pupils per classroom, all classes are divided into two groups (see attached document) which means that students will attend school in alternation (every other week) and, in principle, for five lessons a day.

Group A will start the face-to-face lessons on Monday, 11th May 2020, while group B will return to the face-to-face lessons on Monday, 18th May 2020. During the first week, the students of group B will continue with their distance learning (reviewing the work covered since April 20th or preparing for new content).

The timetable designed by the Vice Principal will be available on *WebUntis*. As far as possible, the courses will be grouped in blocks of two lessons in order to limit the movement of pupils and teachers within the building. Each class now has a fixed classroom. For some classes, distance learning courses will take place in the afternoon from 2:50 p.m. onwards (to give students time to get home). On *Webuntis*, the fictitious classroom is called “HOME”.

If the teacher cannot be present at school, students will be supervised in computer rooms (equipped with webcams and microphones) during the lessons scheduled in the regular timetable and will be able to either attend a distance course with their teacher then or work independently.

Classes begin at 8:05 a.m. and end at 12:40 p.m.; school transportation will be provided to and from campus. The end of the second semester is set for July 14th, 2020 (last day of class).

2. Health and safety measures

In order to protect everyone's health, a number of health and safety measures will be put in place.

Students and teachers will be provided with a mask which has to be worn inside the school building (in the hallways as well as inside the classrooms) as well as in the courtyard (if the 2m security distance is not guaranteed outside).

Each class group will reside in the same classroom for face-to-face lessons and a one-way route will be set up to channel the flow of circulation and to avoid students crossing paths.

Classrooms will be equipped with disinfectant dispensers and paper towels.

Neither the canteen, nor any food and drink dispensers will be accessible. However, a meal can be ordered from *Restopolis* on their website the day before each school day.

During breaks, students are divided into two areas (forecourt on Boulevard Pierre Dupong and courtyard) while the inside courtyard ("Préau") will remain closed.

Access to the building is also divided: students taught in the south wing will enter from Boulevard Pierre Dupong / forecourt near the library; students taught in the north wing will enter from Rue Marguerite de Brabant (see map in the appendix).

Access to the lockers is not allowed.

In order to guarantee everyone's health and safety, students are requested to follow the posted signs and adhere to the instructions of all Athénée staff members.

3. Tests / papers in class

For each class group, tests / papers will take place at school during the week of face-to-face teaching.

4. Vulnerable students

Pupils who have been declared vulnerable or at risk by their doctor because of their own health condition or that of a person with whom they live may continue with online learning on request.

Pupils declared vulnerable must submit a medical certificate as soon as possible. If they are living with a vulnerable person, parents are asked to submit a medical certificate (of the person at risk) together with a request for continued online teaching.

Vulnerable students will participate in writing test papers at school in isolated areas.

So far, it has been very encouraging to see that all members of the school community have been working hard to manage the crisis in support of intellectual progress and student success. Whether it is the teachers who have had to adapt their teaching methods overnight, the parents who have had the difficult task of synchronizing private life, professional life and childcare, or the pupils who have had to concentrate on their studies in more than extraordinary conditions.

So I would like to thank the parents for their commitment and support, the teachers at the Athénée for their dedication and the students for their zeal. I particularly wish our students courage and tenacity for the weeks to come and, above all, a lot of success in their studies.

Wishing you with all my heart to remain in good health, please accept, Madam and Sir, dear students, the expression of my best regards.

The Principal of the Athénée

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