Dear ISU Lower School families,

In my 6 May email, I highlighted the conditions under which ISU students would return to the school building. While these announcements referred to state schools, we have been in contact with the Schulamt to determine how these directives apply to us considering ISU’s uniqueness. As you can imagine this is also a challenging time for the local school authority. We very recently received some answers to outstanding questions from last week. However, we were also informed that the Schulamt referred some of our queries to other authorities.

Despite an initial understanding of our situation, the authorities insist that we now must adhere to the Bayern Kultusministerium (KMK) directive on a maximum of 3 hours of instruction in school for lower school students a day. We will continue with specialist instruction digitally in the afternoons for both A and B groups, and that home learning groups on the A/B schedule will continue to be supported with distance learning instruction. This new schedule will come into effect from Wednesday 13 May.

While we are an international school with a different curriculum, structure and calendar, we are also an Ersatzschule and need to adhere to these government directives. I appreciate that these changes bring further challenges for families; nonetheless, there are also some positive developments:

- 11 May - Grades 4, 5, start date as originally communicated but with a shorter day;
- 18 May - Grades 1 start date as originally communicated;
- 25 May - EYP 3 start date as originally communicated, in addition EYP 1 and EYP 2 can return;
- 25 May - Grades 2 and 3 may come to the campus for an optional face to face small group reflection with their teachers;
- 15 June - Grades 2 and 3 on-site classes resume.

We will continue with our plan of dividing those grades of over 15 students into two groups A and B and having them at ISU on alternate weeks. The Lower School plan for Grades A and B is attached again.

Please see below our reviewed measures for Lower School:

**Grade 5**
- 8:20 - entry via the Schwabenstrasse side entrance
- 8:30 - 9:30 instructional time
- 9:30 - 9:50 break
- 10:00 - 11:00 - instructional time
- 11:00 11:15 - break
- 11:15 - 12:15 instructional time
- 12:15 Pack up and leave via Schwabenstrasse side entrance
- No lunch, however, two break times

**Grade 4**
- 8:35 - enter the grounds via the gate to the playground
- 8:45 - 9:45 instructional time
- 9:45 - 10:05 break
- 10:05 - 11:05 instructional time
- 11:05 - 11:20 break
- 11:20 - 12:20 instructional time
- Exit from playground
- Pack up and leave 12:20
- No lunch, however two snack breaks
- Pick up at the playground gate

**Grade 1 return 18 May**
- Arrive at 8:45 at the main entrance
- Leave school 11:45 from the main entrance
- No lunch only snack

Grade 1 parents and students must wait outside the building. A staff member will escort the student (while maintaining physical distancing) to the classroom individually and will bring your child to you at the end of the day.
EYP 3 return 25 May
• Arrive in School 8:30 at the main entrance
• Leave school 11:30 from the main entrance
• No lunch just snack
• EYP 3 parents and students must wait outside the building. A staff member will escort the student (while maintaining physical distancing) to the classroom individually and will bring your child to you at the end of the day.

EYP 1 and 2 return 25 May
• Arrive in School 9:00 at the main entrance
• Leave school at 12:00 at the main entrance
• No lunch but snacks and no naps (unless in Emergency Care)
• EYP 1 and 2 parents and students must wait outside the building. A staff member will escort the student (while maintaining physical distancing) to the classroom individually and will bring your child to you at the end of the day.

Grades 2 and 3
• Starting the week of 25 May, Grades 2 and 3 may attend an optional small group (5 students) meeting with their German or homeroom teachers once a week
• These groups will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 13:45 -14:45
• Grades 2 and 3 small group meetings are a chance for students to socialize and see their peers and teachers.
• The government has stipulated that these be short, non-instructional sessions for reflection on e-learning and social-emotional support.
• Grades 2 and 3 classes resume at school on 15 June. Each grade will be divided into an A and B group, and each group will attend on alternate weeks.

PE, Art, Health and Music
• PE, Art and Music will be taught via e-learning for the remainder of the school year.

Emergency Care (Notbetreuung)
• Emergency Care provisions have now been extended to include the siblings of students who are permitted to attend classes at ISU on a given week.
• More information can be found here https://www.km.bayern.de/allgemein/meldung/6945/faq-zum-unterrichtsbetrieb-an-bayerns-schulen.html#informationen-notbetreuung

Summer Camp
• The Schulamt has also informed us that the summer camp cannot go ahead as originally planned.
• It will now be Emergency Care (Notbetreuung) from 6-18 July and will be available to those families employed in categories identified by the government.
• We will communicate more details on this over the coming weeks.

Families have the discretion to keep their child at home until 15 June. Children would continue classes via e-learning and this would not have an impact on Schulpflicht (German law regarding school attendance).
Please be aware that all our distancing and hygiene protocols remain the same as communicated on 6 May.
Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to these significant changes in school operations at this time.

Warm regards,
Liam