

## **Tackling the Challenges of Welcoming Students Back to School**

### **Q and A within Zoom chat from June 1<sup>st</sup> online panel discussion**

#### **Are there any requirements for students to wear masks?**

*From Beth Queeney-Dressler to Everyone:*

For masks...our primary kids don't have to wear them but secondary do

#### **So middle school students were masks?**

*From Beth Queeney-Dressler to Everyone:*

In Germany, yes, our middle schoolers and 5th grade (for me is Primary), they have to wear masks.

#### **What do you do if a student is showing any symptoms?**

*From Frazer Cairns to Everyone:*

If a child has symptoms we have to isolate them and then remove them from school.

#### **Can she repeat or type in the chat the 4 principles?**

*From Beth Queeney-Dressler*

Four principles:

1. Protect the health and safety of students and staff
2. Follow the guidance set out by the Saxon authorities
3. Provide students with some familiarity of school routines for social/emotional and academic learning
4. Provide clear expectations for students, teachers, and parents during the return to the DIS campus

#### **Are students allow to utilize materials such as library books?**

*From George Dolesch to Everyone:*

Library - upper elementary students choose online and they are delivered. EC students our librarian brings a trolley around to each class. Books are wiped down, stored in the basement for to days before being resolved. It's working very well.

**Have your areas had an increase in cases since going back to school? Is childcare open? One question that comes up for us has been childcare being open for the children of teachers before they can go back.**

*From George Dolesch to Everyone:*

No increase in cases at our school.

Our Childcare program was not reinstated when kids came back. (Australia)

*From Frazer Cairns to Everyone:*

Yes, we have childcare. (Switzerland)

*From Beth Queeney-Dressler to Everyone:*

We have to have childcare but we were able to shorten it. We start at 8am and finish at 4:30. Childcare is required as part of German schools.

**How are you supporting children who need speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy?**

*From Beth Queeney-Dressler to Everyone:*

Speech, occupational, etc therapy for us is outside school for us. (Germany)

*From George Dolesch to Everyone:*

Speech therapy has been a blend of face to face w/distancing and virtual. Out OT works with students on campus. (Australia)

**What are procedures if a child / staff member tests positive?**

*From George Dolesch to Everyone:*

Positive test- home for two weeks, needs to be symptom free for 48 hours.

**Has anyone started to provide breakfast or lunch for students? If so, how did that work?**

*From Frazer Cairns to Everyone:*

Lunch. As normal as there is no social distancing.

*From George Dolesch to Everyone:*

Our school has provided lunch for all our teachers each day for free