



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
Ikast-Brande

## Letter from the Head of School 6 November 2020

Dear Parents,

### **Covid-19**

Since my last letter, we have adopted new measures to ensure the health of everyone in school, in line with the latest requirements. A one-way system has been implemented on the stairs, and staff meetings now take place in the open space of the NLT Room. As you may recall, it is also now a requirement to wear masks in the shared areas of Hjertet.

I understand that there is some concern regarding the recent announcement that an ISIB student tested positive for Covid-19 last weekend. Some parents have asked why the class in question has not been sent home. Allow me to explain the regulations under which we operate in these matters.

According to the guidelines from *Styrelsen for patientsikkerhed* ('the agency for patient safety'):

- if the patient **has no symptoms**, you count back 48 hours **from when the test was taken** to find out if the person has been in school at a time when they may have infected others;
- if the patient **has symptoms**, you count back 48 hours **from when the first symptoms started**, to find out if the person has been in school at a time when they may have infected others.

The student in question did not display symptoms until *after* the test was taken, and was not in school during the 48 hours prior to taking the test. The school is therefore not required to trace close contacts, or screen students, and all students and staff can stay in school.

We have contacted the head of the local health authority in the municipality, who has confirmed that we have handled this incident in the correct manner, and in accordance with the guidelines. Note that we cannot close a class or the school without being able to demonstrate due cause for doing so.

I would like to remind parents that if your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19, you **must** keep your child home until s/he has taken a test for the virus and received a negative result.

### **Pumpkin carving**

Congratulations to Oliver Folkmann Bak (Year 6) and Katrine Mølbak (Year 7), who won the recent Pumpkin Carving competition for primary and secondary students respectively. Their designs were



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highly creative! You can see their winning designs and those of other students on the website's news page, at <https://www.isib.dk/2020-2021>.

### **House logo competition**

Students are reminded that a competition is underway to design the logos for the new ISIB Houses, so encourage your children to take part. Entries should be handed in by Friday 13 November. You can see the details and rules on the school website's news page. Let's see those logos!

Regards / Med venlig hilsen

**Tom Wilde, Head of School**