

Singapore, 6 August 2018

## Parents Information SSiS #1

Dear Parents,

The holidays are nearly over. The whole school team is looking forward to start the new school year. We hope the students are just as excited as we are!

A very warm Grüezi and welcome back to the Swiss School in Singapore. A special welcome goes to all our new parents and students. We wish you all an excellent start at the Swiss School and we look forward to a smooth collaboration.

I would like to give you some brief information about the beginning of the new school year.

On Monday, 13 August 2018, around 200 students will start the school year with us. For 25 of our students this will be a very special day: the first day in their “school career” as first graders. I am looking forward to seeing many smiling faces.

### General

This school year, four new teachers will start working at the Swiss School:

- Jean Chu, Class Teacher Little Tots B
- Susanne Kammler, Class Teacher Primary 1/2A
- Olga Redcher, Class Teacher Primary 1/2C
- Emilia Brix, German Support Teacher

Overall, this means that 51 people will be working for the Swiss School in various functions. The share of Swiss children remains consistent at 57.5 % while 25 % are from Germany and the remaining

17.5 % hold passports from 16 other countries worldwide. It is wonderful and enriching to have such a multicultural mixture of students at our school.

### Photos Summer Night Event

We are pleased to provide you with the pictures of the Summer Night Event. You may download them at your disposal latest by 28 September. Browse through [the album](#) and save some pictures for your memories.

### Semester overview

Please visit our website to find a [semester overview](#) of all important dates and events. The next upcoming event for the whole school is the Family Day on Saturday, 8 September 2018. A big thank you to the SSiS Parentsforum for organising this event.

## Open Day

Participation of everyone – staff, parents and students – is a key concept in creating an open, modern and vibrant school. On Tuesday, 30 October 2018, we will have the first Open Day of this school year in the Primary classes for parents and interested adults to visit the classrooms.

Early Childhood will not have an Open Day as the children are too young to comprehend and might feel uncomfortable with so many adults present in the classroom at one time. From past experience, some of the children were disturbed emotionally and were unable to participate in the daily activities. However, parents who are interested in visiting the classes are most welcome to make an arrangement with the respective class teachers.

## Start of the new school year

- **German as a Foreign Language Support (DAF):** DAF-support for remaining students will start from calendar week 33 (13 to 17 August 2018) onwards, new students will start in calendar week 35 (27 to 31 August 2018). DAF for P1 will take place on Monday afternoons, P3/4 on Wednesday afternoons, and P2 on Thursday afternoons.
- **English Support (ES):** ES for remaining students will start from calendar week 33 (13 to 17 August 2018) onwards, new students will start in calendar week 35 (27 to 31 August 2018). ES for P1/2 will take place on Wednesday afternoons and for P3/4 on Monday afternoons.
- **Optional Afternoon Extension for PGII and KG (AE):** Afternoon Extension (AE) in German will start from calendar week 33 (Tuesday, 14 August 2018) onwards. As we didn't receive any application for our Afternoon Extension in English, there will be no AE English in school year 18/19.
- **Language Preparation Course for the Transition from Primary to Secondary School for P5 and P6** will start from calendar week 33 (Friday, 17 August 2018) onwards.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA):** The booklet, the information and the ECA online application for the first semester 2018/19 is available on our [website](#). Registration for the courses is available from today until Tuesday, 14 August 2018. All ECA's start from calendar week 35 (27 August 2018) and run until the end of the first semester (25 January 2019).
- **EC and Primary Timetables:** The [EC](#) and [Primary](#) timetables for school year 2018/19 are now available online.
- **Mittagstisch (lunch service):** SSiS offers [lunch service](#) for all children who attend classes at our school in the afternoon (regular lessons, ECAs, DAF, ES, Afternoon Extension). Since the ECAs start in the third week of the school year, there are **two different registrations** for the lunch service.  
Registration 1 is valid for the first two weeks from 13 to 24 August 2018. As written in the Parent's Information in June, the period for Registration 1 ended on 31 July 2018.  
Registration 2 is valid from 27 August until the end of the first semester (25 January 2018).  
Registration 2 is open from 20 August 2018 onwards, you will get it together with the ECA confirmation.

- **Timeline**

Mon, 6 August 2018	ECA online application starts
Mon, 13 August 2018	First Day of School
Mon, 13 August 2018	Start DAF & ES
Tue, 14 August 2018	ECA online application ends
Tue, 14 August 2018	Start optional Afternoon Extension (English/German, PGI&KG)
Fri, 17 August 2018	Start language preparation Course P5/6
Mon, 20 August 2018	ECA confirmation to all parents
Mon, 20 August 2018	Start of registration 2 for Mittagstisch (27.8.18 to 25.1.19)
Wed, 22 August 2018	End of registration 2 for Mittagstisch
Mon, 27 August 2018	Start of ECAs semester 1 2018/19

### Primary: School Material First School Day

In order to be prepared and perfectly equipped for the first day of school after the summer break on 13 August 2018, please refer to the [school material list](#) (in German) for all Primary classes.

### School Counselling

Samantha Thassim Roesch, our school counsellor, provides a professional counselling service that supports and enhances the personal growth, resilience and well-being of our students and school community. Access to the advisory services should be simple and uncomplicated: School social work is directly present in the school building and does not provide any preconditions for contacting the school. The counselling is based on the principle of promoting and developing the existing strengths and abilities of the students. Pupils decide on their own whether or not to contact the counsellor. School counselling is subject to confidentiality, i. e. everything discussed is treated confidentially. If third parties are involved in solving the problem, this is only done with the agreement of the pupils. The duty of confidentiality does not apply in acute danger situations.

However, if you have any questions regarding this offer for our students, or do not want your child to be allowed to contact the school counsellor, please contact Samantha Thassim Roesch directly ([samantha.thassim@swiss-school.edu.sg](mailto:samantha.thassim@swiss-school.edu.sg)).

### SSiS Parentsforum/Class Representatives

Class Representatives facilitate, encourage and support the cooperation between parents and teachers and between the parents themselves. They are a member of the SSiS Parentsforum. We are looking forward to new and existing Class Representatives for every class. They will be elected at the first parents evening of the school year.

Abhilasha Mahan will be the President of the Parentsforum 2018/2019. You can contact the Parentsforum by sending an email to [parentsforum@swiss-school.edu.sg](mailto:parentsforum@swiss-school.edu.sg).

### School Bus

D'Best Bus services is our school bus provider. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the school bus, please contact Samantha Teo directly [here](#).

### Welcome Coffee

The Welcome Coffee takes place on Friday, 17 August 2018, from 8.40 am onwards at the Swiss Club Jungle Bar. Kindly [register](#) for the event.

### Library

The Library will be open from the first school week onwards. Camilla Businger and Nina Mundt are looking forward seeing all the interested readers from 9.20am to 1.45pm (Tuesday till 3.30pm).

### ACSIS

Our ACSIS offer for the school year 18/19 is as follows:

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
27 Aug to 2 Nov 18	12 Nov 18 to 25 Jan 19	11 Feb to 3 May 19
<b>9U Football (6-7 games),</b> Training possibility in our ECA	<b>10U&amp;11U Football (6-7 games),</b> Training possibility in our ECA	<b>8U Football (6-7 games),</b> Training possibility in our ECA
<b>11U Tennis (6-7 games),</b> Training possibility in our ECA		<b>Track &amp; Field Competition Day,</b> 2 Training possibilities prior to the competition
<b>XCountry Competition Day, 2</b> Training possibilities prior to the competition		<b>Swimming Competition Day,</b> Training possibility in our swimming lessons
		<b>12U Football (6-7 games),</b> Training possibility in our ECA

All ACSIS football games are played in round-robin mode, without table, ranking or medal. The focus shall be on the spirit of sport and the mission of ACSIS.

We also take part in the following competitive football tournaments:

- VW Cup German School (Jan/Feb), two organised training sessions before, we will try to send the best team we can in each category.
- Embassy Football Cup (April), two organised training sessions before, we will try to send the best team we can in each category.

In this school year, we will provide detailed information about the various offers, possibilities and dates in an ACSIS newsletter before each season. Please find here [the first Newsletter for Season 1](#).

### Additional Organizational Information

I kindly ask you to carefully read the [additional organisational information](#) before the start of the new school year.

**Upcoming events** (see also: [Semester Overview](#))

13 August 2018	Start of new school year, 8.30am
17 August 2018	Welcome Coffee, Jungle Bar, 8.40am
22 August 2018	Hari Raya, public holiday
27 August 2018	Start ECAs
28 August 2018	Parents Evening P5/6
29 August 2018	Parents Evening Early Childhood
31 August 2018	Casual Friday
4 September 2018	Parents Evening P1/2
5 September 2018	Parents Evening P3/4
6 September 2018	Parents Evening KG
8 September 2018	Family Day

**Upcoming publication**

7 September 2018	Parents Information #2 2018/19
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We are ready to start the new academic year 2018/19 in a week and I wish everyone a smooth start and many happy moments in the year ahead.

Have a great last week of holidays.

Yours Sincerely,



Markus Pallmann  
Principal