

Singapore, 5 August 2019

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.

All in all 208 students have registered for the first semester. On Tuesday, 13 August 2019, 194 students will start the school year with us and additional 14 students join in the coming months. The share of Swiss children is at 51.5 % while 28 % are from Germany and the remaining 20.5 % hold passports from 18 other countries worldwide. It is wonderful and enriching to have such a multicultural mixture of students at our school.

For 27 of our students the 13 August 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.

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

- Debora Fehr, Class Teacher P4/5C
- Murielle Quenzer, Class Teacher French Primary P1/2F
- Daniela Richert, Kindergarten Teacher KGB
- Nadine Sadek, English Main Teacher
- Kathrin Schmidt, Subject Teacher
- Yvonne Zweifel, Support Team

Overall, this means that 48 people will be working for the Swiss School in various functions.

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, 12 October 2019. 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, 12 November 2019, 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 section 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 16 August 2019) onwards, new students will start in calendar week 35 (26 to 30 August 2019). All parents of remaining students have already been contacted directly by the DAF teacher. DAF for P1 will take place on Monday afternoon, P3/4 on Wednesday afternoon, and P2 on Thursday afternoon.
- **English Support (ES):** ES for remaining students will start from calendar week 33 (13 to 16 August 2019) onwards, new students will start in calendar week 35 (26 to 30 August 2019). All remaining parents will be contacted directly by the ES teacher before the summer holidays and details will be informed accordingly. ES for P1/2 will take place on Wednesday afternoon and for P3/4 on Monday afternoon.
- **Optional Full Day Offers (FDO) for LT/PGI and PGII/KG:** Both full day offers will start from calendar week 33 (Tuesday, 13 August 2019) onwards.
- **Language Preparation Course for the Transition from Primary to Secondary School for P5 and P6** will start from calendar week 33 (Friday, 16 August 2019) onwards.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA):** The booklet with our ECA offer for the first semester 2019/20 and the application form is available on our [website](#) now. **Registration will close on 13 August 2019.** All ECAs start from calendar week 35 (26 August 2019) and run until 24 January 2020.
- **EC and Primary Timetables:** The [EC](#) and [Primary](#) timetables for school year 2018/19 are 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, FDO PG2/KG). Since the ECAs start in the third week of the school year, there are **two different registrations** for the lunch service. Details/registration links will be provided in Parents Information #1 on 5 August 2019. Registration 1 is valid for the first two weeks from 13 to 23 August 2019. Registration 1 is open [now](#) and **ends on 9 August 2019.** Registration 2 is valid from 26 August until 24 January 2020. Registration 2 is open from 19 August 2019 onwards.
- **Timeline**

Mon, 5 August 2019	ECA online application starts
Mon, 5 August 2019	Registration 1 for Mittagstisch (school weeks 1&2) starts
Fri, 9 August 2019	Registration 1 for Mittagstisch (school weeks 1&2) ends
Tue, 13 August 2019	First Day of School
Tue, 13 August 2019	ECA online application ends
Tue, 13 August 2019	Start optional Full Day Offer (LT/PGI & PGII/KG)
Wed, 14 August 2019	Start DAF & ES
Fri, 16 August 2019	Start language preparation Course P5/6
Mon, 19 August 2019	ECA confirmation to all parents
Mon, 19 August 2019	Start of registration 2 for Mittagstisch (26.8.2019 to 24.1.2020)
Wed, 21 August 2019	End of registration 2 for Mittagstisch
Mon, 26 August 2019	Start of ECAs semester 1 2019/20

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 2019, please refer to the [school material list](#) for all Primary classes.

Photos Summer Night Event

We will send you a link in the next Parents Information #2 on 6 September 2019 where you can download the pictures of the Summer Night Event.

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).

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.

Beatric Heyneck Maurer is the President of the Parentsforum. You can contact the Parentsforum by sending an email to parentsforum@swiss-school.edu.sg.

Welcome Coffee

The Welcome Coffee takes place on Friday, 16 August 2019, from 8.40am onwards at the **Swiss Club Rifle Lounge**. All new and existing parents are invited. Kindly register for the event in sending an email to 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.

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

Being the smallest member of the Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools (ACSIS), we are proud to offer our students and families regular sports activities free of charge. The mission of the Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools ACSIS is to provide student-athletes with an opportunity to compete in a broad and balanced inter-school athletic program that is an optional but integral part of their educational experience. Win or lose, the ACSIS schools will encourage student-athletes to provide a winning effort, exhibit sportsmanship, and demonstrate respect for all. Our ACSIS offer for the school year 2019/20 is as follows:

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
26 Aug to 9 Nov 2019	18 Nov 19 to 15 Feb 2020	24 Feb to 9 May 2020
9U Football (6-7 games) , Training possibility in our ECA 11U Tennis (6-7 games) , Training possibility in our ECA	10U&11U Football (6-7 games) Training possibility in our ECA	8U Football (6-7 games) , 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 (October), 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 read [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](#))

9 August 2019	National Day, public holiday
12 August 2019	Hari Raya, public holiday
13 August 2019	Start of new school year, 8.30am
16 August 2019	Welcome Coffee, Jungle Bar, 8.40am
26 August 2019	Start ECAs
27 August 2019	Parents Evening P4/5 and P5/6
28 August 2019	Parents Evening Early Childhood
29 August 2019	Parents Evening P1/2F French Stream
30 August 2019	Casual Friday
3 September 2019	Parents Evening P1/2 German Stream
4 September 2019	Parents Evening P3/4
5 September 2019	Parents Evening KG

Upcoming publication

6 September 2019	Parents Information #2 2019/20
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We are ready to start the new academic year 2019/20 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