

PYP PARENT / STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Introduction

Dear Students and Parents,

At ISH we believe that education is a collective responsibility and that the successful function of a school depends on the cooperation of everyone involved: students, parents, teachers and staff. All of our policies are intended to provide a secure and inspiring environment that will contribute to learning. We encourage you to get to know your school, its activities, and schedule.

This handbook is an overview of our school's aims, expectations, services, and rules. It is an important reference book describing school policies, procedures and general information about the school. Please read through it and discuss it with your children. It has been written to provide you with the information that will make your child's year purposeful and rewarding in every aspect. Please sign and return the Field Trip Permission Form, and School-Home Partnership Contract on the last two pages of this handbook, and return it to the class teacher within the first full week of your child starting school, to confirm that you have read and understood this information.

Sincerely,

Stef Fleet

Primary Years Principal

School-Home Partnership

The School-Home Partnership is an agreement between parents, students and teachers to ensure that effective communication between the school and home is established. We expect that all parents and students read this handbook and follow the school's procedures and policies. We hope that all parents will take an active role in their child's education by attending school meetings, parent consultations and events. Speak respectfully about your child's classmates or their parents. It affects the whole class culture. We hope that parents encourage a positive view of the school and its students.

About ISH

International School of Hellerup is a private educational establishment. It is recognized by and subject to Danish law and receives a subsidy from the Danish State. The school is managed by a Board of Governors consisting of six members, at least two of them being parents of students from the school, and it is a non-profit making institution.

The school is located in Hellerup, a community near the center of Copenhagen and is easily accessible by bus and train. The nearest train station is Ryparken. There is a bus, #14, that stops nearby.

International School of Hellerup is a school where the individual comes first. Our primary aim is to identify and appreciate the unique potential of each pupil, and develop them fully in a caring, comfortable and happy environment.

Pupils receive an excellent, well-rounded education from dedicated and well-qualified teachers, developing qualities which will equip them to face life's challenges with self-belief and optimism. In addition to our broad curriculum, pupils can enjoy a fabulous range of activities which engage, stimulate and inspire them. It is a source of pride to us that our pupils emerge as confident individuals, successful learners, responsible citizens and adaptable human beings.

International School of Hellerup's philosophy is to 'make life better for all.' The school's values and activities are not just about academic achievement, but include students' welfare and their contributions to society. A student centered learning environment is seen as key contributor to preparing pupils for adulthood and life beyond school.

Faculty and Staff

Teachers and staff at ISH are fully committed to serving the needs of students and parents in our community. All teachers have professional education and experience. One of the most frequently heard comments about ISH staff is that they are both “personable and professional.” At ISH you will find the faculty and staff enthusiastic about their work and very supportive of the school’s mission. We are proud of our diverse staff which represents many cultural backgrounds and nationalities. In the same way that we expect our students to work together and support each other, the staff at ISH work together in our Professional Learning Community, sharing ideas to improve our teaching practice. ISH staff enjoy the work environment and conditions which contributes greatly to the school’s very positive atmosphere.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide the highest quality education in a student-centered environment by empowering individuals to fulfill their human potential to become purposeful life-long learners and responsible global citizens.

Our Values

Acceptance

Students are tolerant and understanding;
Students and teachers are mindful of the needs and rights of others;
Our school community is open-minded and inclusive;
We are supportive of each other.

Responsibility

We are responsible in all our actions;
We are reliable;
Staff members are dedicated and professional.

Caring

Students are considerate and kind;
Staff members are respectful and considerate;
All are supportive of each other.

Excellence

All students strive to do their best;
The teaching staff offers a high-quality education;
Our school community supports the staff members and the students.

Our Aims

- Maintain a school culture of excellence in teaching, achievement, innovation and self-improvement
- Maintain a supportive, healthy and secure environment for learning and teaching
- Deliver a balanced and holistic international education program centered on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Learner Profile and the standards and practices of the IB program
- Integrate technology as a meaningful and effective part of the educational process
- Deliver enriching co/extra-curricular opportunities for students
- Provide outstanding facilities and resources
- Attract and retain excellent faculty and staff
- Heighten student awareness and engagement through social, environmental and intercultural activities
- Ensure wise and effective school governance
- Engage parents, alumni and the local and global community in the support of the school
- Ensure a financially sound and operationally efficient organization

General Information

Administration & Reception

Opening Hours

The reception is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Fridays from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Re-enrollment

In the spring of every year, parents will be required to re-enroll online for the upcoming academic school year. ISH has waiting lists for several classes and we would like to accommodate as many applications as possible for the upcoming school year. By re-enrolling, you confirm your child's place at the school. Please note: three months' notice must be given for withdrawal. If you have re-enrolled your child for the new academic year, the withdrawal notice is only acceptable from the 1st of August.

Withdrawal

Each student must complete and hand in a withdrawal form, three months before leaving the school. Forms are available in reception and on our website.

Transcript Request

Transcript requests must be submitted to the Principal in writing. Please allow up to two weeks for processing.

After School Care Program (ASCP)

For information on our ASCP, please refer to the ASCP Parent Handbook.

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is important for students to keep up with their school work. Student absences should occur only for necessary and important reasons - i.e. medical reasons, a death in the family or unavoidable travel. Parents must provide a reason for their child's absence before the student returns to school. If the student is ill for more than one week, the school can ask for a doctor's note. Whenever possible, medical appointments should occur after school.

Absence Reporting

When a child is absent, it is imperative that parents send a message to the class teacher before 8:30am via ManageBac on the day your child is absent. When reporting your child absent, the reason for absence should be given.

This supports us in addressing student truancy, and it ensures us that your son or daughter is safe.

If there is a planned absence, such as an extended holiday, parents must write to the class teacher with the expected dates of absence. If there is a planned absence of more than two days, parents must apply for permission by filling a form, which is available at the Reception and can be downloaded from the school website.

Absence

Students at ISH must not exceed 20 absences in a school year according to Danish law. If a child is not at school, it is considered an absence, regardless of whether it is due to illness or travel.

10 days of absence in three months:

- The class teacher will contact the parents to inform them of their child's attendance record and clarify the consequences of excessive absence.
- The class teacher will discuss a plan with the family and follow up with parents.

20 days of absence in a school year:

- The management will invite the family to a meeting and in extreme cases, the authorities will be notified.

Lateness

School starts promptly at 8:30am. If a student is late, parents must notify the class teacher of the reason why their child is/was late, via ManageBac by the end of that day.

Chronic Lateness

10 late arrivals within three month

- The class teacher contacts the parents and informs them of their child's chronic lateness
- The class teacher will follow up within the month

20 late arrivals in a school year

- The Principal contacts parents to form an action plan regarding chronic lateness

If the plan is not followed:

- The student may face possible expulsion and the school contacts the authorities

Daily Routine

PYP School Schedule

From August 2017, the start and finish times of all PYP classes (Pre-K to PYP5) are the same:

- Mondays to Thursdays: 830-1420
- Fridays: 830-1320

The homeroom teacher will communicate the actual lessons and break times at the start of the school year. There are three different schedules:

- Pre-K schedule
- Lower PYP (Kindergarten and PYP1) schedule
- Upper PYP (PYP2-PYP5) schedule

***The start and end times, and class schedule, should be confirmed with the homeroom teacher in case there are any special arrangements for the class.**

Before School

Children may enter their classroom at 8:20am. Please be advised that if children arrive at school earlier than 8:20am they will not be supervised, and parents are held accountable for their conduct. If parents need to drop their PYP children off earlier than 8:20am on a regular basis, these children must be enrolled in the Morning club where there is adult supervision.

Recess

Students in the PYP (Pre-K to PYP 5) must be in the school yard during every recess. Students must go directly outside when the bell rings for recess.

Rainy Days

In the event of excessive rain or snow, students in the PYP may or may not stay in their classroom supervised by their class teacher or teachers on recess duty. Weather appropriate clothing is expected at all times.

Lunch

We encourage all students to bring a healthy and balanced lunch to school. All students usually eat lunch in the canteen (with teacher supervision). There is currently a meal delivery option. When the bell rings, after students have eaten their lunch, all students must leave the classroom and go outside to the playground, weather permitting.

No PYP student may leave the school premises without a teacher's permission. No students may remain inside the school building during recess unless they are involved in a club or activity.

After School

As soon as lessons are finished for the day, students must leave the premises, unless they are enrolled in ASCP. Students who are not enrolled in ASCP may not remain on school grounds after school as it interferes with planned activities and is confusing for teachers who are organizing the various programs.

If a PYP parent is late picking up their child, the child will be brought to the ASCP, checked in and be included in ASCP activities, no exceptions. If a parent is late three times in a month, they will be charged the After School Care limited Program fee (DKK 200,-). Siblings in Pre-K to PYP 4 waiting for their siblings must be enrolled in ASCP.

On the way to and from school, students should respect the rights, privacy, and property of the community, neighbors, stores etc. and refrain from loitering, trespassing, littering, or creating noise. If needed, the school may take disciplinary action on reports of complaints.

Dentist

Students in Denmark are eligible for free dental care through their school dentist at public schools. We do not have a school dentist but you can call your local council (kommune) for information about where your child's dentist is located.

Field Trips

Class trips are designed to be social, educational, and fun. Trips are scheduled at various times throughout the school year and all students are required to participate. Parents will be notified of all field trips at least two weeks in advance. Students must agree to abide by the guidelines set by the school. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in trip cancellation, either for the class or the student. Expenses must be covered by the students and parents. Behaviour expectations and conduct procedures on such trips are congruent with the regular school rules. In addition:

1. Mobile phones are not to be seen or used during PYP class trips
2. Under no circumstances is anyone to leave the group without permission

Foreign Language

Multilingualism and host country integration is encouraged at ISH. Students start learning Danish in PYP 1 and continue through to the end of the program, PYP 5. In the MYP, all students must choose a third language to study. ISH is also proud to offer EAL classes and a Mother Tongue program. For more information regarding the language program and policies at ISH, please visit the website.

Grade level Placement

A child's grade level placement should allow for success academically and socially. The placement of new students is based on two factors:

- The age of the student by 15th August
- A record of previous school experience/grades

Children will be placed in the appropriate grade level based on their age and set criteria, to ensure the child's academic and social success.

The following shows the minimum age requirements in each grade level (age as of 15th of August):

| Class | Age |
|--------------|------------|
| Pre-K | 3/4 years |
| Kindergarten | 5 years |
| PYP 1 | 6 years |
| PYP 2 | 7 years |
| PYP 3 | 8 years |
| PYP 4 | 9 years |
| PYP 5 | 10 years |

New School Year Information

- Grades are re-balanced (mixed) each year. This is to support each child's needs. We aim to gain as equal a balance as possible regarding class size, gender, academic needs, special needs, EAL and positive social dynamics.
- We can't guarantee any requests from parents about how students are placed next year. Rebalancing classes is very complex. We offer a consistent experience for a grade (curriculum, IB teaching, assessments, opportunities, materials, experiences, etc.).
- We can only finalise the class lists a few days before school starts. There are many last-minute changes depending on enrolments, and this affects the class lists. You receive an email a few days prior to the start of school informing you of your child's class and homeroom teacher, as soon as the class lists are ready.

Homework

Homework is an essential part of your child's educational progress at ISH. Homework helps students develop valuable skills such as good study habits, time management, responsibility, and perseverance. Teachers will assign homework that will foster individual learning and growth that is appropriate for their grade level.

Homework is part of all students' regular evaluations. It is the student's responsibility to complete and turn in homework on time.

Illness

If a student is feeling ill, they must request their class teacher's permission to go to Reception. If they continue to feel ill, the secretary can then make arrangements with the child's parent to go home, at the class teacher's discretion. Students who are feeling ill must be picked up by their parents or guardian.

Klassekasse or 'Class Money'

Klassekasse, ('Class Money') is a small fee, provided by parents, either monthly or yearly and organized by the class teacher to supplement class parties, field trips or special activities for the class. It is collected by the homeroom teacher.

Library and media center

The new school library and media center was established in August 2015. Opening hours are posted outside the library and families are encouraged to utilize the space. Classes visit and borrow books on a weekly basis.

Lost and Found

There is a Lost and Found container located outside of the canteen entrance. All found items are placed in the Lost and Found container. If a student has lost an item, e.g. clothing, jewelry, hair accessories, they may claim it at any time. If the lost item is valuable, the item will be given to the reception and students and parents may check there to see if it has been returned. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charitable organization or discarded, before the winter holidays and before the summer holidays.

Medication

The school is not allowed to administer any oral medication without parent's permission, including aspirin and panodil. If a student is on regular medication, the class teacher must be notified of the condition and informed about any specific instructions.

Morning Club

Morning Club is available to all students in Pre-K to PYP 4. Morning Club is held in the ASCP. Registration takes place at the beginning of each school year. After the 1st of September, students may still join the Morning Club but they will only be allowed to start on the following Monday. Please have children eat breakfast before coming to morning club or pack breakfast for them. Fruit will be provided and students may read, play quietly or finish their homework. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, from 7:30am to 8:20am. More information is available on our website or by contacting the ASCP Coordinator: Chiara Giani cgiani@ish.dk.

Physical and Health Education

All students are expected to participate in physical education (PHE) as this is an essential component of a child's holistic development. Students requesting permission to be excused from PHE classes must have parents send an email to both the class teacher and PHE teacher. A detailed explanation of why your child should not participate in P.H.E. or a doctor's note is required.

Students must wear appropriate sports clothing (i.e. exercise shorts or pants, t-shirts or sports jerseys, etc.) and indoor shoes.

PTA – The Parent Teacher Association

The PTA is an essential part of every school community. Every contribution, however small, helps in bringing us all together, strengthening our home/school spirit and community. You can find more information about the PTA on the school website. If you would like to get involved, please contact the PTA Coordinator, Karolina MacAulay at kmacaulay@ish.dk.

Reports and Grades

Students receive progress reports once a year and grades twice a year. Progress reports are given before the autumn holidays Grades are given before the winter holidays and again before the summer holidays. Parents attend a Parent-Teacher consultation in the autumn and a Student-Led Conference (SLC) in the spring. The SLC may be held in the school day, and parents are expected to attend.

School Pictures

School picture day is in September. Pictures will be available for purchase through the company **Dansk Skolefoto**. **School photo dates are listed in the school calendar on the website** and more information will be available closer to the school picture day. Dansk Skolefoto, Gammellosevej 180, 2800 Lyngby. Tlf: 44 37 37 37, Fax: 44 44 48 21. www.danskskolefoto.dk

Student Support Services

The Student Support Services consist of the school health service, the school psychologist and EAL (English as an additional language) provision. At ISH we realize that as well as academic achievement, the physical and psychological development of students is crucial to a positive and enriching school experience. The purpose of the student support services (SSS) is to nurture physical and psychological development and equip the students with skills they need to fully integrate into the school community, access the curriculum, and lead healthy and happy lives.

EAL

The English as an Additional Language (EAL) programme at ISH supports students whose primary or secondary language is not English, enabling them to develop the necessary reading, writing, speaking and listening skills to be successful in school. Students are referred to the EAL Program through either a placement test, home language survey, previous academic records and/or by referrals from class teachers. Individual needs and the number of students requiring assistance determines how the program is delivered. EAL classes take place during school hours as inclusion support or sheltered lessons. The EAL Program strives to be as integrated into the students' regular schedule as possible.

The School Health Service

The School Health Service is run by a Health Visitor in collaboration with the children, parents and teachers.

The aim of the Health Service is to reinforce the children's health and lifestyle. This is done by:

- Making the children able, through their schooling, to take responsibility for their own health.
- To detect early signs of illness and developmental problems – and children in poor health.
- Give extra assistance to children with health problems or poor well-being.

The Health Visitor is not responsible for the first aid to casualties at school, neither does she give vaccinations. Should the need arise for medical treatment a referral to the child's own doctor, eye or ear specialist will be given.

The Health Visitor for ISH is Milada Bijedic, Health school nurse. e-mail: f83i@buf.kk.dk

The School Psychologist

The role of the school psychologist is to help children who are struggling at school. This may be because of a learning difficulty, an emotional problem, a developmental issue, issues with peers, or just struggling to adapt to change. The school psychologist is available to meet with children, families and teachers and where necessary will draw up a plan (an individualized education plan – IEP) so that the school and family are working together to help the child. The school psychologist works collaboratively with school staff, parents the student and in some cases the kommune (local government services) to develop a plan (IEP). The IEP may involve developing specific strategies the student can use in class and at home, in class support, 1:1 or small group lessons, counselling sessions and, or further assessment. As well as working with students, parents and teachers can also book an appointment with the school psychologist if they have concerns or problems regarding their child / student.

What to do if you feel your child needs help from the school psychologist:

The first step is to talk to your child's teacher to see what they think; the teacher can then refer to the child to the SSS. Alternatively you can book an appointment to talk with the school psychologist.

What about confidentiality? The school psychologist works to the standards and code of conduct as set out by the Danish Psychological Association and the British Psychological Society which you can [access online](#). In terms of confidentiality the work of the SSS will aim to be as open and collaborative as possible. The school psychologist will always inform parents, teachers and students if information needs to be shared with others. However in some instances, such as counselling work, the student and/or parents may want to keep some aspects confidential. This is acceptable except if something said during the session indicates that you or another person is at serious risk. In such cases, confidentiality cannot be kept and it is the schools professional responsibility to inform the necessary person(s). If confidentiality needs to be broken, the school psychologist will always tell you in advance.

How do I contact the school psychologist? Kirsten Thøgersen E-mail: kthogersen@ish.dk

Rules, Regulations and Policies

School Rules

The school rules are intended to develop self-discipline by allowing students to take on responsibilities and enabling the institution including staff, parents and students to live in a climate of confidence and co-operation, which is essential to education.

Staff members, substitute teachers, part-time teachers, mentors, and tutors have the same authority and rights as the regular classroom teachers.

Bullying Policy

Bullying is a serious matter and requires awareness from teachers, students, and parents. School employees will take immediate action against bullying. Parents must contact their child's teacher if they suspect their child or another child is being bullied. It is important that students can express their concerns to an adult if they are being bullied or harassed at school.

Definition of bullying

Bullying is different from teasing and it is therefore important to define the concept.

"A person is bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and he or she has difficulty defending himself or herself."

Dan Olweus, Bullying at School: What We Know and What We Can Do.

This definition includes three important components:

1. Bullying is aggressive behavior that involves unwanted, negative actions.
2. Bullying involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time.
3. Bullying involves an imbalance of power or strength.

Bullying may involve the following:

- Cyber bullying – includes internet gaming, emails, texts, social networks, manipulation of images, and slander
- Social exclusion
- Actions without words using grimaces or gestures.
- Negative actions meant to intentionally annoy or hurt.

Signs of bullying:

The person being bullied may be inclined to:

- Be passive, withdrawing from the community.
- Go off by themselves and be alone during breaks.
- Seek little adult contact.
- Demonstrate low self-esteem.

- Be late or absent from class.
- Poor grades.
- Be afraid to go to school.

Adults should be aware of the warning signs, but also know that they can be caused by other things. Sudden or major changes in behavior are important signs. It is important to create a dialogue with students and an environment where they can discuss their feelings openly.

Prevention

Preventive measures are planned and executed in collaboration with parents, school staff and students:

- General awareness of bullying, by parents, school staff and students.
- Parent Conferences will include a discussion on bullying.
- Commitment of parents, teachers, and students to stop bullying if it occurs.
- All individual classes will discuss bullying and how to prevent it in their own classroom.
- Student council will discuss bullying in at least one meeting and students' general well-being.

Disciplinary Action

1. The school will first try to resolve problems among the involved students. Parents will be informed by class teachers or relevant subject teachers.
2. If this fails, the management will be involved.

Bullying (including cyber-bullying) that occurs outside of school time may also be investigated by the school, and consequences may occur as if it happened in school.

*Bullying can ultimately lead to permanent expulsion of pupils.

Advice for parents about prevention

- Do not speak badly about your child's classmates or their parents.
- Support your child in cultivating relationships with the entire class. It is a benefit for your child.
- Encourage your child to defend their classmates who cannot defend themselves.
- If you are having a birthday party it should be all girls or boys, or the entire class.
- Prioritize togetherness with the other parents in class. It rubs off on kids.

Classroom Rules

Each year, class teachers in the PYP develop rules and expectations for the year ahead. These are referred to as “Essential Agreements”. Though they will change from class to class, in general students should:

1. Come to class prepared.
2. Respect the personal space of others.
3. Remain in class during lessons, unless given permission otherwise from their teacher.
4. Be respectful to peers, teachers, and staff.

In situations where these expectations are not being followed, parents will be notified.

School-Wide Rules

Breach of the following rules may be subject to disciplinary action:

1. Students are always to be in assigned supervised areas only.
2. Pushing, hitting, tripping, and shouting are prohibited.
3. No swearing, whether written or verbal.
4. No name-calling or bullying (see bullying policy).
5. Absence and late policies should be respected and followed.
6. The use of tobacco, matches, or lighters on or near school grounds is prohibited.
7. Respectful behavior is expected by all.
8. Eating in hallways and classrooms during lessons is prohibited, unless it is teacher initiated.

If these rules are not followed, then the parent may be contacted, the principal directly involved, an incident report recorded, or any combination of these actions.

Discipline: Severe Clauses- Immediate involvement of management

Management will be contacted and immediate disciplinary action will occur if a student does any of the following:

1. Commits or threatens to commit physical harm to another student or adult.
2. Possesses or uses tobacco and/or drugs on or near the school campus.
3. Destroys or damages school property or that belonging to a student, the school, or to a teacher.
4. Swears, makes rude gestures, cruel teasing or put-downs
5. Graffiti

If at any time a student’s disciplinary record includes three (3) documented disciplinary actions within the school year or if serious or unacceptable behavior occurs, the student may be suspended or expelled from school.

Serious misbehavior or actions occurring outside of a particular classroom are handled at the discretion of management.

Dress Code

Clothing should be dressed appropriately for a school setting and also for the weather. Please write your PYP child's name on the inside tag or label of jackets, jumpers and sweaters. Clothing that is made of see-through material or that is excessively torn is inappropriate. Shoes must be worn at all times. We encourage students to wear trainers or sneakers at school to allow for maximum play at recess. If a teacher deems a student as dressed inappropriately, the student may be directed to go home, cover up, or asked to change clothes.

Forbidden Items

Chewing gum, scooters, skateboards, roller skates/blades, sneaker wheels and dangerous or frightening toys may not be used in the school buildings or on the school grounds.

Hats/berets/caps/hoods/knitted caps/coats may not be worn during lessons. Smoking and the use of alcohol is forbidden for all students.

School Policies:

Please see our website to access the following policies. We expect all stakeholders at International School of Hellerup to be familiar with and follow the following policies: Language policy, Inclusion Policy, Assessment Policy, Academic Honesty policy, and Admissions policy.

Inappropriate Language

Inappropriate or bad language, including swear words, racial slurs and other profanities will not be tolerated at International School of Hellerup. We hope to encourage expressive students whose language and tone are courteous and respectful, without the need to use inappropriate language. If the use of inappropriate or bad language continues, parents will be notified.

Lice Policy

International School of Hellerup has a "no-nit" policy. Parents should routinely check their own children, especially if their child is exposed to lice. If lice or nits are found in the student's hair, the student will be sent home. Children who have nits or lice will not be allowed to return to school. Treatment requires a specific type of shampoo that can be bought at a pharmacy.

Mobile Phones

PYP students may use mobile phones before school and after school. During class, they must be packed away so as not to be visible and must be on silent mode. Phones being used within the school day will be confiscated. These rules apply to ASCP.

Student Responsibilities

Student responsibilities include:

- Demonstrating the required standard of care towards all persons with whom they deal at school at all times.
- Entering and leaving the school through the designated entrance and remaining in the building unless they have been granted permission to leave by a staff member of the school.
- Avoiding disruptive or exhibiting otherwise inappropriate behavior during lessons.
- Ensuring that they are wearing appropriate clothing at all times during the school day.
- Taking all personal belongings with them at the end of the day, with the exception of indoor shoes (which may remain in designated boxes in the ASCP building).
- Refraining from bringing any objects or substances which may be harmful to them or other persons to school.
- Refraining from bringing inappropriate material to school.
- Refraining from bringing large amounts of money or unnecessary valuables to school. The school is not responsible for stolen or lost items such as cellular phones, jewelry, etc. If any items are lost during school time the incident must be reported to a teacher immediately.

Students' Rights

The student has the right to:

- Education
- Rest and free time
- Access to information, especially that which contributes to his/her mental, moral and social development
- Protection from information that may be detrimental to this development
- Express his/her opinion on all matters which concern him/her. This opinion must be expressed in a manner that adheres to the standards of behavior and citizenship and be acknowledged by teachers, educational consultants, and the headmaster
- Be protected against abuse (physical and psychological), and the effects thereof
- Access preventative programs, which provide support in dealing with the aforementioned issues
- Seek assistance in the event that he/she faces an overwhelming problem
- Seek additional instruction in the case that she/he experiences difficulty in grasping the contents of the curriculum
- Special care in legitimate cases (illness, disability, exceptional abilities or talent)
- Learn and develop in a healthy environment devoid of harmful substances (within the school's capacities)
- Be protected from all forms of sexual abuse.

Home-School Communication

1. ManageBac and Staff Email

You may contact a teacher directly through school email addresses (or ManageBac for absences). PYP teachers and Management use ManageBac to send out weekly newsletters, monthly newsletters, and other important documents and vital pieces of information. It is important that all families have access to and knowledge of the ManageBac system. If you need support in this area, please feel free to contact the PYP Principal directly. It is the parents' responsibility to keep up-to-date about their own child's progress, the school's teaching program and the school's social activities by attending parent/teacher consultations, class meetings, and by reading the letters and notices sent home via ManageBac.

2. Weekly Letters

Weekly letters are part of positive, clear communications to parents. They include vital information that can resolve many questions. They include homework information, a summary of the week's learning activities, curriculum/assessment information, practical information, reminders, events etc. They are sent via ManageBac, in an email format or an attached document. It often involves photos (particularly Lower PYP). Parents are expected to read the Friday Letters thoroughly every week.

3. Parent Information Evening, PYP-Wide Academic Sessions and Parent-Teacher Consultations

All teachers hold a **Parent Information Meeting** at the beginning of the school year. The first meeting is an informational meeting where curriculum, timetable, expectations and requirements are discussed. Parents are also introduced to the class team. Parent Information Meetings are a key component in building a strong School-Home Partnership.

Children should not attend these meetings. It is important that at least one parent be present at the initial Parent Information Evening.

Parent Consultations are an opportunity for parents to meet with the teacher individually to discuss their child's progress in class, taking place in Autumn. Parent – Teacher Consultations will be arranged by the classroom teacher and will take place prior to Autumn break.

School Property

The school is for all of our benefit. Students must respect all school property. Sports equipment, games, computers and electronic devices must be used according to the appropriate instructions and under the supervision of school staff members.

Students are responsible for all materials and textbooks lent to them for the duration of the school year. Students must cover all books in order to protect them. In the event of loss or damage, students must replace damaged materials or compensate the school for the full cost of the item.

Student lockers must remain clean and tidy. Students may not leave perishable food in the lockers overnight. Students are responsible for their own property.

School Contact Details

International School of Hellerup

Rygårds Allé 131, 2900

Phone: +45 70 20 63 68

Email: info@ish.dk, **Website:** www.ish.dk

Please refer to the school website for the Staff Directory.

Field Trip Permission Form for the whole school year

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Throughout the school year, students at International School of Hellerup get the opportunity to go on a number of educational field trips and whole school events that involves leaving the school premises. These trips normally occur during regular school hours, and students leave the school premises either by foot or by bus. Prior to each field trip, you will be notified as to where and when the trip will take place. You will also be notified in advance of any cost connected to the field trip.

During the field trips, students are expected to follow all essential school agreements and procedures as outlined in the student/parent handbook, as well as any instructions from the teacher.

In order for a student to participate in these field trips, parents must give their written permission. This is a general permission form for the whole school year that was created in order to avoid sending permission forms every time students go on a field trip. If your child(ren) has your permission to go on all planned fields trips for the 2017/2018 school year, please sign the tear-off slip below and return it to your child's classroom teacher within the first full week of starting school. Please fill out one form per child

FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

By signing this form, I give my child permission to go on all the planned field trips at International School of Hellerup during the 2017/2018 school year. I understand that the necessary arrangements and precautions for the care and supervision of the students during the trips will be taken.

Student's Last Name: _____ (First Name) _____

Program level of Student (Pre-K, Kindergarten, PYP 5, etc.): _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____

(Please print full name)

(Signature)

School-Home Partnership

By signing the School-Home contract I agree to:

- Read all school communications, emails and letters sent to me by the administration and class teachers.
- Keep my contact details (address, phone number etc.) up to date in ManageBac, and inform the school of any changes to my contact details by sending an e-mail to info@ish.dk.
- Attend regular parent-information meetings and parent consultations to receive information about my child's progress at school.
- Communicate respectfully, directly and honestly with the school's teachers and staff.
- Follow the absence and lateness policies and procedures outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Please fill out one form per child. Please return to the class teacher within the first full week of starting school.

Student's Last Name: _____ (First Name) _____

Program level of Student (Pre-K, Kindergarten, PYP 5, etc.): _____

Date: _____

I have read and understood the information, policies and guidelines in the ISH Parent-Student Handbook. Please sign:

Parent: _____
(Please print full name) (Signature)

Parent: _____
(Please print full name) (Signature)

Student: _____
(Please print full name) (Signature)