



August 6, 2020

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff



I hope everyone had a relaxing summer in these trying times. I know that travel was probably restricted, and the summer was far from a “normal” one. Despite this, I hope you had time to relax and reconnect with your families. Hopefully, everyone is energized and ready to start another amazing school year at Futuraskolan International Kottla!

We will continue to follow our Covid19 protocol that was in place last spring, and I want to urge everyone to be vigilant. We want to make sure that our students and staff are as safe as possible so that we can continue with face to face learning. I will send out our Covid19 school protocol in a separate document, but please remember that we cannot afford to let our guard down when it comes to our students’ and staff’s health and safety. The virus is still here and we cannot be lulled into a false sense of security.

The first day of school will be Monday, August 17th, and this will be for Grade 7 students only.

We will have a short welcome and orientation day for them, and they will be at school from 9.00-11.00. There will be no lunch served on the first day. Our new Grade 7 students will meet with their mentor teachers and go through our school rules, goals and expectations. We are so excited for them to be joining our school community!

Grade 8 and 9 students will start school on Tuesday, August 18th.

Our Grade 8 and 9 students will join the seventh graders on Tuesday, which will be the first day we have the entire school together. The school days on Tuesday- Friday will be from 10.00-14.00, and we will not be following set schedules. Lunch will be served from Tuesday to all students. We will be working with students in a variety of ways with the International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC), the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, team building activities, our school’s core beliefs and how we view international mindedness at our school. On Monday, August 24th, we will begin with our set schedules.



Our Expansion

We have successfully finished the first phase of our expansion over the summer, and so we will be welcoming additional students this year. We will have 5 Grade 7 classes, 4 Grade 8 classes and 4 Grade 9 classes this school year. Just a reminder that since we added an additional Grade 8 class, we have mixed all of our existing Grade 8 classes, so the Eighth Grade classes will be new this year.

We have added a floor above us, as the apartments that were on that floor have been renovated and turned into 5 new classrooms. The rooms are spacious and look great, so we are very excited to have this extra space for our students. All of our rooms will be subject specific rooms, and we will be using the new floor mainly for IT, SO, and Modern Languages. In the next two years, we will continue to add 5 Grade 7 classes, so by August, 2022 the plan is to have 5 sections of each grade level. We are excited about our growth, and we will concentrate this year on the physical environment of the school, so our students will have a vibrant and exciting place to learn.

New Faculty

With the expansion, we have also been busy hiring new staff. Between replacing staff that have left at the end of the year and adding additional staff for the new classes, we are excited to introduce seven new teachers to our team this year:

Ms. Jackie Burns-	English
Mr. Isak Adolfsson-	Swedish
Ms. Lopa Mudrasatpathy-	Science
Ms. Kikki Konstantinidou	Math
Mr. Robin Lindlöf-	PE
Mr. Paul McNulty	Art
Mr. Carl Johan Mankowitz-	Home Economics

In addition to the new staff, Ms. Matleena Boström will be returning after a year's maternity leave. Matleena will be teaching Science, Technology and a bit of Home Economics. All of our new hires are qualified and we are looking forward to this vibrant group joining our already dynamic staff.

Our leadership team remains in place for this school year:

Chris Mockrish, Principal
Jenny Proestos, Vice Principal
Gael Rosen, Administrator
Jennifer Björkström, Counselor
Mimmi Markström, Special Pedagogue

Again, a very warm welcome to all of our new and returning students. The 2020-21 school year is going to be an exciting year of learning at Futuraskolan International Kottla!