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Important Dates

- **Wednesday 19 January** - Stip study day, no school for students
- **Friday 21 January** - Group 8 unit 3 reports published
- **January 24 - 27** - Group 8 parent teacher conferences

Whole School Information

Invitation to join IPS mission review

Take two! On Wednesday 19 January, from 09:00- 10:00, our whole staff will be involved in a review of the [IPS mission](#). We would welcome parent participation in this session as the perspective of a range of stakeholders is always valuable to this process. Group 8 students also received an invitation. If you would like to join this session, please meet us on this link: meet.google.com/iog-savw-qgv

Government COVID update

The Dutch Government will hold another press conference this evening at 19:00, in which they will announce if any changes are to be made to the current lockdown situation. We will only inform parents if any changes are advised regarding procedures in primary schools, otherwise current procedures will remain in place until the government advises differently.

Please note that the current guidelines are available on our website under the [News](#) tab.

Home activities & COVID

Friendly reminder: If a child is absent due to a positive COVID test, or because they are sick for any other reason, no home learning is provided for them - they need time to rest and recover. If a child is in quarantine, either after returning from a trip abroad, or due to a housemate testing positive, they may work on the suggested home activities sent out via ManageBac at the beginning of the unit by class teachers, and should be encouraged to read as much as possible.

Online learning is not provided as the government reopened schools and all the teachers are physically in class with their students. Parents are respectfully asked to refrain from asking teachers to provide additional work for their children in these circumstances.

Online learning will only resume if:

- the government closes schools
- a class has to be placed in quarantine due to a COVID outbreak
- staff absenteeism due to quarantine makes it impossible to have students in school for a short duration

Self-tests & facemasks

Each Friday, students in groups 6-8 will come home with two self-tests. We recommend they use the tests on Sunday and Wednesday. We will continue to send them whilst the government advice is that

students in these year groups should test twice a week, in order to try to get ahead of any outbreak in schools. If you choose not to do this, or use your own tests, please return the test kits to the class teacher.

Students in groups 6-8 must wear facemasks outside the classroom. Please ensure your child leaves home every day with a mask and also carries a few spare ones in their school bag.

Head lice checks

Due to COVID restrictions, lice checking is currently unable to take place in school. We request that you are extra vigilant in checking your child's hair at home at least once a week. If you find any eggs or lice, please inform the office straight away and begin treatment. Treatment guidelines are on our school website under the tab [Forms & Info](#).

STIP Hilversum

Nutrition & child development lecture

On January 25, STIP Academy will host an online reading about healthy nutrition and child development for parents. This interactive lecture by Nancy Tesselaar and Marije van der Veen will explore what is healthy for a child, and how to enthuse a child about healthy food. To sign up for this free lecture, we refer you to the [Stip Hilversum website](#), or email: Stip-academie@stiphilversum.nl.

Celebrations

Makar Sankranti (Pongal)

To those in our school who are celebrating today, we wish you and your families a very joyous Makar Sankranti blessed with happiness, peace and love.

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