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(inclusive) - Crocus Holiday (half term)

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Update regarding travel & absenteeism

Below, word-for-word, translated from Dutch, an update sent by the Attendance Office. Please read carefully!

Enforcement in case of corona-related absenteeism

Due to the corona measures, enforcing the rules is sometimes complicated. The Public Prosecutor's Office has now clarified enforcement for the following specific case.

The Truancy Office takes enforcement measures when young people miss school because they travel to an area marked orange or red by the government and cannot return in time or have to go into quarantine because of illness (corona-related).

If, for any reason, the young person is stuck abroad or needs to be quarantined when classes have already started, parents should contact the school.

If the school does not offer distance learning or no (distance) education is being followed, this period can be considered as unauthorized absence. This is because this quarantine is reasonably foreseeable and can be anticipated. This is different with quarantines that are, for example, related to the fact that someone in the (living) environment turns out to be infected.

Urgent advice: The urgent advice is therefore to keep a close eye on the situation in the country to be travelled to. Anticipate where necessary!

IPS mission review update

Our next step in the review process is to share the feedback from our meeting on January 19. It was a virtual meeting; staff, students (group 8) and parents worked together on a Padlet. This data was also sorted and organised into a spreadsheet. The Padlet contained two forms, one that asked: How would you describe IPS Hilversum to a friend? and another that was everyone's opportunity to write a new mission statement. All this data can be accessed via the links below.

- ❑ IPS Mission review [Padlet](#)
- ❑ [Padlet data](#) as a spreadsheet
- ❑ How would you [describe IPS Hilversum to a friend?](#)
- ❑ Write our next school mission! [Read here](#)

Next, our Pedagogical Leadership Team and School Council review the data to work out if any updates need to be made to our IPS mission, or whether it stands strong for another year. Let us know if you have any questions or feedback. And watch this space for updates!

Celebrations

Lunar New Year

Happy Lunar New Year to all families celebrating next week. May this new year bring you good health and good fortune!

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