

1. WILL YOU RUN A SCHOOL BUS?

Yes. We plan to have a shuttle bus between BASIS Beginners Prague campus (Nad Tejnkou 10, Prague 6–Břevnov) and BASIS International School Prague campus (Podolská 448/54, Prague 4–Podolí). We currently count on one boarding and one exit station and connections in the morning and afternoon. Further details depend on the potential interest of the parents. The schedule of transportation will be specified later.

2. DO THE CHILDREN GET HOMEWORK?

Our school day is longer compared to a traditional Czech school, and the goal is to ensure our students master the content being taught. If homework is assigned, it is to strengthen the understanding of the content by the student. There will be no content on the homework that has not been previously taught at school. In addition, we provide an opportunity for students to complete their homework with the assistance of their teacher at school. This is a common practice in BASIS schools in the USA.

3. IS THERE A GATEHOUSE AT SCHOOL? HOW IS THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN ENSURED?

Access to the school will be secured by a sophisticated chip system. Children are issued only to the persons listed in the application. The school reception is located at the front door.

4. WHAT KIND OF EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM WILL THE SCHOOL OFFER?

In BASIS Schools, the practice is such that the extracurricular activities are designed according to the interest of children. During the summer, we will survey the parents and children and suggest several types of activities for the early bird or late bird program. Intended fields are music, art, sports, science, etc.

5. WILL THE SCHOOL ORGANIZE A SUMMER PROGRAM?

Yes. We would like to organize a suburban “introductory” program the second week in August. Everything will also depend on the current epidemiological situation.

6. WHY ARE SOME LESSONS SO LONG?

The length of the lesson is adapted to the content of the lesson, some lessons are shorter and some are longer. We make a conscious effort to reinforce the content being taught. Some lessons will require additional methods and strategies such as real-world application through experiments, projects, etc.

7. CAN A CHILD WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH ENROLL?

Yes. Most children that are enrolled already have some level of the English language. That being said, immersion in English tends to be the most effective way in mastering the language.

8. DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE A WHEELCHAIR ACCESS?

Yes, it does.

9. HOW MANY CHILDREN WILL BE IN ONE CLASS?

Optimally, there will be 15 students in a class, but will limit it to 18 students in a class.

10. IS IT POSSIBLE TO FOLLOW A SPECIAL DIET IN THE SCHOOL CANTEEN?

No. Catering is provided by an external catering company. The child will have a choice between meatless and meat dishes. The allergens are stated at all meals. In case of specific dietary measures, we recommend that the child bring their own lunch if necessary. Lunches are paid retrospectively.

11. IS BASIS SCHOOL REGISTERED IN THE REGISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS?

No, the school is not registered in the register of schools and school facilities of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MŠMT), but is operated (like most international Schools in the Czech Republic) on the basis of a MŠMT permit enabling compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic according to a foreign educational program (curriculum). By enabling compulsory school attendance at our school, it is declared and confirmed by the MŠMT that our educational program is in accordance with the Framework Educational Program of the Czech Republic.

12. DOES THE CHILD HAVE TO BE ENROLLED IN ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL?

Yes, but only children with Czech citizenship or foreigners with permanent residence in the Czech Republic must be enrolled in his/her catchment area school. The school will be examined the students at least once every 2 years from compulsory subjects (Czech language in all grades of primary school, school national history subject of Human and the Surrounding World in the first level of primary, and Czech realities in History and Geography in the second level of primary school). All of this will be taught within our Czech Humanities subject.

13. HOW ARE THE CHILDREN RATED?

The school will use 2 different types of grading scales: Pass/Fail and simple A-F. The Pass/Fail scale will be used in courses focused on skills, participation, and collaboration. The Pass/Fail scale is used for all required non-core courses. For core courses, the letter grade for the simple A-F scale is determined using a percentage conversion. The teacher assigns the weight for each type of assignment in their course and publishes this information in the course syllabus. The student's Progress Grade Report for each course is then calculated as a weighted average of all scores entered into the teacher's gradebook during the grading period. The A-F scale is described as A \geq 90%; B \geq 80%; C \geq 70; D \geq 60; F \geq 0.