

Safe back to school

The government designed a plan that included Safety and hygiene measures in school and High schools in Spain, so that both students and teachers were safe in face-to-face classes. Pre-school and Primary students had face-to-face classes everyday but the high school students would split in two groups (because of the high number of students per class) while one was having face-to-face classes the other half would stay at home with online classes.

We can highlight the following measures:

- Use of sanitizer at the entrance of the school
- Temperature monitoring also when entering the school
- Creation of a COVID-19 coordinator per center (usually a nurse or doctor). They have been provided with PPE to deal with suspected and possible cases.
- Antibody testing of all teachers and support staff at the beginning of the school year.
- Mandatory facemask in the educational center for students from 6 years of age onwards in the classes and also in the playground.
- There will be face-to-face education but the number of students in the stable coexistence/bubble groups will be reduced to a maximum of 20 or the safety distance of 1.5 meters will be respected.
- The spaces in the educational centers will be reorganized in order to have more classrooms.
- The distance between desks will be 1.5 metres. This social distance must also be kept during recess.
- Air purification machines in all classrooms but, in any case, windows and doors must be kept open.
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In addition to this our school included the following rules

- Sanitizer gel and disinfectant for furniture in all the classes and rooms
- Students wash their hands at least before their break times (before eating) and use the hand sanitizers in class whenever they feel the need.
- The corridors have signals or divisions so that they don't get crowded.
- There are posters in all classes and corridor about protective measures.

Thanks to the great facilities of our school, Secondary and high school students could also have face-to-face classes every day, because the public schools have a hybrid learning, one day at the school, one from home. Specific classrooms such as: music classroom, dance, drawing classroom, Library, ... all of them turned into a classroom for a group. Those groups with a bigger amount of students were placed in the classrooms with a movable wall, so a group occupied two classrooms.

All in all, so far the result has been good. In Secondary and high school there have not been transmission of the virus indoors and although some students have had covid, their classmates have not been infected.

The principal writes a letter to all the families informing about the covid issue every Friday, if there are any teachers or students infected or whose families are, and for this reason they have to stay at home. (without mentioning their names due to the protection data laws)

For those students that have to stay at home we have remote learning. We have cameras in all the classes and they connect through Google Meet and listen to the same lesson as their classmates.





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