



**British International School of Cracow**

**Air Quality and Weather Policy**

**June 2019**

Due to the fact that at certain times of the year Krakow can experience poor air quality and also extreme temperatures, it is important to have procedures in place in order to safeguard our students against exposure to environmental effects and promote the health and wellbeing of our students.

### **Air Quality**

It is impossible to control the quality of air in Krakow, however the British International School of Cracow is able to minimise the students' exposure to it.

During the winter months the school will keep the buildings sealed as much as possible and try to limit the keeping of doors and windows open unless the AQ is at a good level.

The Air Quality will be monitored to assess whether or not children are able to go to the garden or playground and if they are able to walk to their gym classes.

### **Air Purifiers**

The school has a number of air purifiers (at least 1 per floor) which will be in operation during periods of poor air quality and will be rotated through the rooms to improve the air quality as much as possible.

### **Garden/Playground**

During periods of poor air quality teachers will monitor the air quality in Krakow throughout the day. This will be discussed in morning briefing and monitored until times of Garden and Playground. At this point the teacher on duty is required to make a decision dependent on the AQ reading. If the reading of PM 10 is higher than 125 (using the measurements from Aleja Krasinskiego) the children will stay inside at play time.

### **Gym/Swimming**

During the winter months children in Primary will be bussed from school to and from the swimming pool to limit exposure to cold temperatures and poor air quality. The AQ will continue to be monitored and if the reading of PM 10 is higher than 250 (using the measurements from Aleja Krasinskiego) the children in the Foundation Stage will not walk to the Gym.

## **Weather**

During the winter and summer months it is possible for Krakow to experience extremely low and extremely high temperatures. Therefore the British International School of Cracow must adopt procedures to combat this and limit the students' exposure to these temperatures.

## **Winter**

During the winter months the school will keep the buildings sealed as much as possible and try to limit the keeping of doors and windows open. Central heating will be turned on throughout the building and children will not go to the garden/playground if the temperature drops below  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Children will be reminded through Schoology and the newsletter of appropriate clothing, winter jackets, boots, gloves, hats etc.

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## **Summer**

During the summer months, if there are extremely high temperatures, the school will ensure to keep the temperatures as low as possible by making sure that windows and doors remain open wherever possible and fans are placed in the most affected classrooms. Children will be asked to bring sun hats, encouraged to continue to drink water and wear sunscreen when necessary.

If outside temperatures exceed  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  children will remain indoors during garden/playground time.