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**UPDATE 18/03/2020**

**COVID-19 outbreak**

**NEW**

Due to the evolving situation concerning the epidemic of COVID-19 schools have been closed or on site education has been suspended recently in most countries in Europe. The scope of these measures is different, but in some states the closure is now extended until the end of the Easter holiday.

In order to follow a safe and harmonised approach in the European Schools it is highly recommended to keep the obligatory regular attendance of pupils suspended **until 19 April inclusive** (Art. 30 “General Rules of the European Schools” Ref. : 2014-03-D-14).

While the schools suspend lessons in situ in all European Schools during this period, School managements and teachers continue doing their utmost to guarantee pedagogical continuity using distance communication tools until the start of the Easter holidays. Legal representatives of pupils are invited to support pupils’ efforts at home. The Office of the Secretary-General is preparing some guidance in this respect.