

School

The ICZ School

COVID-19 PROTECTION MEASURES - see below.

The ICZ School includes the Ganon (pre-Kindergarten), four age-mixed Kindergarten groups, lunchtime supervision, afternoon childcare, Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes, and religious instruction for children attending state schools.

In the ICZ School we teach a total of almost 200 children in a warm and friendly atmosphere in spacious, bright and modern premises.

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OPENING HOURS

We are here for you at the following times:

Monday 08:15 - 13:15

Tuesday 08:15 - 13:15

Wednesday 08:15 - 13:15

Thursday 08:15 - 13:15

COVID-19 PROTECTION MEASURES

The current situation continues to present us with challenges, so we have adapted our procedures to our protection concept.

Please note that on the premises of the ICZ, parents and teachers are required to wear masks when handing over children.

Children will continue to have their temperatures taken on handover in the foyer.

Please observe the markings on the floor and the barriers. Please do not stay in the foyer any longer than necessary and do not enter the Kindergarten rooms!

In school, just as at home, the hygiene rules must continue to be observed:

- Wash your hands thoroughly on a regular basis
- Do not shake hands
- Sneeze or cough into a handkerchief or the crook of your arm
- Keep 1.5 m distance between adults. If possible, also keep this distance between adults and children (exception: persons living in the same household)

We will continue to discuss and practice this with the children.

Quarantine / Return from countries on the risk list

It is the responsibility of every individual to comply with the quarantine regulations of the Federal Office of Public Health. Anyone who does not comply with these regulations endangers not only themselves but their fellow human beings as well. We therefore appeal to your sense of responsibility towards yourself and towards other people.

The rules of the FOPH apply. Anyone entering Switzerland from a declared risk area must behave as follows:

→ [Federal Office of Public Health FOPH](#)

Go home or to suitable accommodation as soon as you arrive. You must stay there at all times for 10 days after your arrival. Follow the instructions for quarantine (see appendix). Report your entry to Switzerland to the competent cantonal authorities within two days and follow their instructions. Parents are responsible for implementing the quarantine. Inform the school.

Procedure in case of symptoms

If a child shows symptoms of illness, we will contact you immediately. The child must be isolated until the parents come to collect them. Even with mild symptoms, children must

be tested; responsibility for this lies with the parents. Contact your family doctor or paediatrician and inform the school office and teachers.

If a COVID-19 test is done in the family, the other children must stay home until the result is negative.

Handover in the morning / First butterfly day

The butterflies will start a normal on Monday, 17.8.2020.

(arrival time as before: 8:00 - 8:40)

Information regarding children registered for morning care (7:45 - 8:00):

Morning care will continue to take place separately in the Kindergarten.

Lunch and childcare for the butterflies begin on Monday.

The Blüemli will join in on Tuesday, 18.8.2020, staggered.

Handover at noon, after lunch, or following childcare

Due to the current corona situation, we have staggered the pick-up times as follows:

Mid-day:

Ganon 11.45

All Kindergartens 12.00

After lunch:

13.45 Ganon

13.45 Gan Teena and Gan Rimon

14.00 Gan Gefen and Gan Tamar

Childcare:

From 17.00, please call the childcare centre (Red group: 044 283 22 63, Blue group: 044 283 22 54) and wait for your child in the foyer.

We hope we can rely on your understanding, and look forward to welcoming you and your children in the new school year.

You may be interested in:

[NOAM Jewish School](#)

Ganon

The Ganon of the ICZ School is open to children from age three until they enter Kindergarten at four years of age. (In accordance with the Elementary School Act, children are admitted according to the age of entry to Kindergarten for the respective school year).

Ganon prepares children for the structure of the Kindergarten. In addition to secular topics such as seasons, colours, nature and the environment, the children learn about Jewish holidays and traditions in an age-appropriate way, and look forward to Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday.

The children have opportunities to develop socially and creatively, and discover the world together on excursions. The Ganon attaches great importance to a feeling of safety, and to a cheerful atmosphere in which the children can develop optimally. To encourage exercise, the children go outdoors once a week in the morning (Forest Day) and do gymnastics indoors every week. Our Ganon has a permit from the crèche supervisory authority of the city of Zurich and fulfils all the personnel and organisational requirements for such an institution.

You can find detailed information in our pedagogic concept and in the parent information booklet. The regulations provide information on administrative matters.

LESSON TIMES

08:00 - 08:45	Arrival period
08:45 - 12:00	Ganon
12:00 - 14:00	Optional lunch (must be booked/fee charged)

Kindergarten

The ICZ Kindergarten is recognised as a private kindergarten by the canton and meets all the relevant personnel and organisational requirements. The newly introduced and now compulsory Curriculum 21 is used in the classroom and serves as the basis for the all-round development of the children.

In the 2nd year of Kindergarten, the children are specifically prepared to start school.

Kindergarten attendance is part of compulsory schooling; absences must be approved by the school management.

The four Kindergarten groups: Gan Teena, Gan Rimon, Gan Tamar and Gan Gefen, are taught in teams of one teacher each for the Jewish content, and one teacher for secular subjects. The aim of our Kindergarten is to teach secular and Jewish topics in an integrated way, with both supporting each other.

Being together with children the same age encourages and supports the children in their individual development and strengthens their social skills.

To ensure that the children have enough exercise and can also develop gross motor skills, they alternate between going to the woods and to gymnastics once a week.

In the Kindergarten, the identity of the individual child and the group is strengthened. The children are aware that there are children of different religious orientations in our school. This diversity helps the children learn to respect each other, also with regard to other religions.

Our Kindergarten is available free of charge to all children of ICZ members. Children are admitted for the respective school year according to the Elementary School Act and must be four or five years old at the beginning of the year.

[Kindergarten operational concept](#)

LESSON TIMES

08.00 - 08.45	Arrival
08.45 - 12.15	Kindergarten 1st year: Daily
08.45 - 12.15	Kindergarten 2nd year: Mon, Wed, Fri
08.45 - 14.00	Kindergarten 2nd year: Tue and Thu

(includes lunch)

READING HEBREW

Learning to read in Kindergarten should be child-oriented and playful, sustainable and appropriate to the children's level of development.

In order to make it easier for the children to acquire reading skills and to experience reading as something meaningful, the children learn a basic Hebrew vocabulary. Letters and sounds are gradually introduced and linked to words they already know. We place great emphasis on the development of the children's phonological awareness: they learn to recognise word sounds by ear, and to identify them visually. This is an important skill that paves the way for children to read Ivrit and also German.

The aim is for the children to know all the letters and sounds to read Ivrit, and after two years to have developed a reading ability appropriate to their age with which to move seamlessly into the Noam school and religious education (Unzgi).

Reading lessons are held four times a week for 30 minutes in small groups with specialist teachers.

The pedagogic concept provides information about our principles. You'll find further details about our Kindergarten in the parents' information booklet; administrative matters are set out in the regulations.

Extra options

We are glad to help our members combine family and career by offering extra options.

BREAKFAST TABLE

Our Breakfast Table is organised and paid for by parents. It takes place in the Ganon. From 7:45 onwards, the children are welcomed by a member of staff and looked after until the start of Ganon or Kindergarten at 8:00.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISION

Lunchtime supervision with a hot lunch is provided after Ganon and Kindergarten daily from 12:00 to 14:00 in the Ganon and Kindergarten groups. The cost is CHF 20 per lunch.

The children have the opportunity to move around and play in other rooms at the ICZ.

CHILDCARE

After lunch, the children can visit the childcare centre from 14:00 to 18:00. This is run in two groups. Every week the children are offered a varied excursion programme. The children are given a snack and can take part in various games in the building.

HOLIDAY CHILDCARE

During the Christmas, sports and summer holidays, we organise holiday childcare in line with parent requests. The children are looked after by our qualified team of teachers. These childcare services are subject to a fee.

Religion classes

Religious education is open to children who attend a public primary school.

This is free of charge for ICZ members. The children learn about Jewish holidays and traditions, biblical and Jewish history, and Tefillah (prayer). They practice reading Hebrew from the Siddur. Small, individually guided classes enable teachers to respond to the different levels of knowledge of the students. The teaching material for the holidays has a spiral structure so that the children learn something new and more in-depth every year.

Religious education (Unzgi) takes place on Wednesdays from 13:30 to 15:30.

Four times a year there are classes on a Sunday from 10:00 to 12:00. Parents are invited to a parents' course at this time, and then take part in a joint activity with the children.

Once a year all Unzgi families celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat together with a festive dinner with our Rabbi Noam Hertig.

Courses for older students are organised if there are sufficient numbers. If there is no class, children in school years 7 to 12 are entitled to an annual education bonus of CHF

600 per child upon request. Proof of regular attendance at a religious and/or Hebrew course must be provided.

Bat / Bar Mitzvah courses

Bat and Bar Mitzvah are milestones in the lives of Jewish teenagers. They become mature adults in the religious sense at the age of 12 and 13 respectively. We prepare teenagers for this new stage in life with courses specially designed for them. You can also find further information in the [Religion](#) section.

BAT MITZVAH COURSE

From the start of the school year until the sports holidays, girls attend a two-hour evening course that deals with the religious obligations and position of women in Jewish tradition and in modern society. During the course, Shabbat and the holidays are examined from the perspective of the Jewish woman. The girls learn about women and the mitzvot, Zniut (modesty), Kashrut, Tzedaka and Gmilut chassadim (charity), and the central role of the family in Jewish life.

At the end of the course the Bnot Mitzvah are celebrated within the community. They spend a Shabbat evening with the course leader. In the morning they take part in the service in the synagogue and receive their Bat Mitzvah certificates from the rabbi. Afterwards they celebrate this new stage of life with their families and friends on the course with a Shabbat lunch.

BAR MITZVAH COURSE

Boys prepare individually to read their Parashah, their portion of the Torah for the week.

[A list of teachers for this is available from the Rabbinate.](#)

During a weekend together in Lengnau, accompanied by our ICZ rabbi, they delve into social and religious topics. The weekend is prepared for in advance by two evenings on the topics to be covered, and is concluded by a post-weekend evening. Every boy

commits to taking part in a Chessed (kindness) project. At the end, each boy receives a Bar Mitzvah certificate.

[Find information on Bar Mitzvah here.](#)

School regulations

You'll find all the regulations of the ICZ School here very soon. These ensure the smooth running of the school. If you have any questions, please contact the school secretary (esther.beck@icz.org).

Holiday plan

Here is all the information and documents on school holidays.

Holiday plans ICZ and City of Zurich

- [Ferienplan Kindergarten und Ganon 2019/20](#) (70,83 kB)
- [Ferienkalender Stadt Zürich 2019/20](#) (105,12 kB)
- [Ferienplan Kindergarten und Ganon 2020/21](#) (121,48 kB)
- [Ferienplan Kindergarten und Ganon 2021/22](#) (66,10 kB)