

DISTANCE TESTING FOR SECTION INTERNATIONALE

We are conscious that it is not always possible for families to return to France for testing. Distance testing can be arranged, although we would like to emphasise that we do prefer to see the children in person. For older children (college and lycée), written tests can be done at a distance and the orals in France.

As far as primary levels are concerned, we do strongly encourage families to bring the children to France where we can organise individual testing if unavailable for the official tests. However, our tests have been adapted to ensure distance testing gives the younger children every opportunity to shine.

With the current COVID-19 situation, face-to-face testing may not go ahead, although we are planning everything in the hope that it can. If we are not allowed to hold the official tests, you will be contacted and alternative solutions will be found.

If you live abroad and your child is unable to attend school due to COVID-19 restrictions, distance testing can be carried out via Zoom at home. Certain procedures apply and will be provided when the time comes.

Please rest assured that we will do everything we can to ensure your child's dossier is assessed and that testing will go ahead.

How does distance-testing work?

Once we have informed you that we would like to proceed with distance-testing, there are a certain number of steps to follow:

- You will be required to give the name, position and email address of a person within the child's current school, who is willing to invigilate the test. Ideally the person chosen is non-teaching staff. We prefer this person to NOT be the child's English teacher.
- The family finds the testing date with the invigilator, depending on their availability and the child's timetable. This date is communicated to Section Internationale.
- The written test is sent a couple of days before by email, in order to allow for technical hitches.
- The student sits the test(s) and his/her answers are scanned and sent back to Section Internationale for marking as soon as possible after the test.
- If the marks for the written test are satisfactory, the Section Internationale will organise an oral assessment by visio (Zoom, Skype, ...) directly with the family. This may also be organised in France to coincide with a visit. We request that families are flexible with timing as our teachers do the oral tests in their own time and have to take time differences into account.

- The presence of the parents or older siblings is not allowed during the oral assessment. No help is to be given before or during the assessment.
- You will be informed of the results as quickly as possible - you do not need to contact us to have the results.

French and Maths Tests

The Section Internationale programmes (except for the Primary Wednesday Programme) are an option for children coping well with the French curriculum. Children requesting entry into one of our schools for the integrated programmes are required to show a satisfactory level of French and Maths.

- For children in AEFÉ schools (in France or abroad), previous and current year school reports are to be supplied (primary, college, lycée).
- For children currently attending schools in France which are “hors contrat” (such as Montessori), local testing will depend on where you live. If necessary, we can organise the French/Maths tests. Please visit the official website of l’Académie de Versailles (or your *département*) for further details.
- For children currently attending schools abroad, which are not affiliated with the French Ministry of Education (AEFE), we accept full CNED (or equivalent) reports OR the children will need to sit an entrance exam in French and Maths (primary, college, lycée):
 - For primary-aged children attending the official testing dates, these tests can be sat at the same time.
 - For college and lycée children, these tests are organised as distance-testing.

It is important to note that the head of the school requested has the final say on the admissibility of the child as our students are first and foremost pupils of the French school.

Primary	Pasteur Primary School compiles and marks the tests. Success in the tests allow entry to Pasteur Primary School ONLY. Children moving to the CP class must sit the “Passage Sécurisé” test either in their local French primary school, or a French teacher from Pasteur Primary
College	The tests are compiled by Collège de la Quintinye and Collège Pasteur. Success in the tests allow entry to one of these two colleges ONLY.
Lycée	Students sit the Lycée Corneille tests, which are marked by teachers of the Lycée and allow entry into Lycée Corneille ONLY.

The procedure for the French and Maths distance testing is identical to the English entrance exam. There are however no oral assessments.