WELCOME TO THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF MOL

On behalf of all members of our Parents Association we kindly welcome you to the European School of Mol.

At the European School of Mol, the Parents Association ("P.A.") plays a key role in providing a variety of services for the children as well as representing the interests of your children. We are the interface between the parents, the school management, the various school committees and the Board of Governors (which manages all European schools). We aim to provide parents with information and support and we meet regularly to discuss ongoing school issues.

WHY JOIN THE PA?

As a member you can:

- vote at General Meetings and elect the Board.
- enjoy all the Parents Association benefits
- participate in our workgroups

We look forward to your membership and hope to welcome you in one of our workgroups!

OUR SERVICES

Daily bus service

Every day, the Parents Association's school buses bring children from the Antwerp and Eindhoven areas. We currently operate 3 different buses from the Antwerp area and 1 bus from Eindhoven.

Since the European School itself is not involved and there are no transport subsidies available from other benefactors, these activities must be organized and run on a full cost-recovery basis. Our goal is to offer the seats on the buses at the lowest possible fee.

After school day-care and activities

The Parents Association organizes and runs the **After-School Care Centre on campus**. The After-School Care ("Garderie") is open every school day and is intended for nursery & primary school pupils and – in exceptional cases – secondary school pupils.

Activities include:

Cooking, Arts and crafts, Yoga, Music, Mindful Movement, and Dutch. daycare@esmol.be

The PA also organises;

- Finding host families for children coming from far away.
- Helps parents advertise for babysitters.
- Helps parents coming to live in Belgium find housing.
- Assists with connecting families together for new comers.

Register for the bus service or day-care via the website on the following link:

https://registration.paesmol.eu



PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL LIFE

The Parents Association participates in the life of the school to voice the opinion of the parents and works with the teachers, management, staff, inspectors.... for the benefit of our children.

Class representatives play an important role. They are elected in each class amongst the parents to facilitate communication between parents and the Parents Association.

PA Board members represent you at meetings:

School Administration Board:

The PA also participates in the twice-yearly Administration boards where it is represented by 2 members. The Admin board deals with matters concerning the management and administration of the school, the budgets and ensures the efficient functioning of the school.

Education Councils: During the Primary and Secondary Education Councils which take place twice a year, the Parents Association meets with the School Director, Deputy Headmasters, representatives of the teachers and pupils (Secondary), to discuss school-related issues. The two councils meet once a year to form a Mixed Education Council where all matters concerning the school as a whole are discussed.

The Canteen Committee: Brings together the Canteen chef, the School Management, representatives of the teachers, pupils (Secondary) and the Parents Association. The committee manages the Canteen.

The Health and Safety Committee:

The Parents Association represents its members at meetings held twice a year with the School Management, school nurse, representatives of the teachers and pupils (Secondary) during which safety & hygiene conditions at school are discussed

"Interparents" is the organism which gathers the representatives of the Parents Associations of the thirteen European schools. Two representatives of each school attend the meetings to discuss the future of the European schools. They also take part in the preparation of the educational committees and of the higher councils.

Membership

The Parents Association is a non-profit organisation. Not only board members but also many other parents offer their voluntary help in guaranteeing the many services offered by the PA. Membership fee to the PA is € 30.

Please note that the families whose children use the Parents Association's services must be enrolled as members. This membership fee will be included in the first day-care or transport invoice.

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HOW TO CONTACT US

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English is the main working language in the Parents Association meetings and internal communications, but feel free to contact us also in Dutch, French & German.

LOCATION OF THE PA OFFICE

Our office is located in the Primary building: please drive to the back of the primary building, take the day-care entrance, 1st room when entering the building at the back.











