

Information on school closures

Dear parents,

we know that the current situation is very complicated and that there are a number of practical matters which you have to resolve and obstacles which you have to overcome. One of the greatest complications is probably remote schooling. It is also possible that the displacement of school from real life has given you the impression that it is not necessary to do a lot for school. But you should be cautious here! The long break in schooling may mean that your child will lose contact with Czech and may then have difficulty catching up. It is most likely that we will not be back at school for several more weeks.

It is therefore very important for your child to continue studying even when not attending school. If you are not in contact with a representative of the school, which your child attends, contact your child's class teacher (or the school management) and find out how remote learning works.

- **If you are unable to arrange this, because you do not speak Czech well, it is possible to make use of the services of non-profit interpreters, for example from META o.p.s. (www.meta-ops.cz, email: poradenstvi@meta-ops.cz, mobil: +420 773 304 464,) or the Integration Centre Prague (<https://icpraha.com/tlumoceni-online/>),**
- **Outside Prague, it is possible to use the services of the Centres for the Integration of Foreigners which exist in every region of the Czech Republic (<http://www.integracnicentra.cz>) and to make use of the services of an interpreter or the support of a social worker, who will help you to communicate with the school.**
- **All of the interpreting services are free of charge.**
- **The school may also make use of a similar offer from the National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic and have the basic information associated with the education of your child translated for you so that you can understand the school's instructions. If you do not understand the school's instructions (<https://cizinci.npicr.cz/tlumoceni-a-preklady/>), do not be afraid to ask for the basic instructions to be translated. In urgent cases, it is also possible to use Google translate (<https://translate.google.com/>).**

If you or your child have a **problem in understanding the instructions for any exercises** or if your child is having difficulty completing his or her school work, **contact your child's class teacher** and let them know that you do not understand the exercises or that you do not know how to do them (this is currently happening in many families).

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It is unfortunately still unclear when the schools will reopen. According to a statement from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, however, it will not be before mid-May.

Follow your school's website for more information: www.zspolackova.cz
or, for example, the META website at www.meta-ops.cz,
or the English versions of the websites: <https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/>
<https://metropolevsech.eu/en/news/> (the websites exist in several languages and contain the
basic information pertaining to the situation in the Czech Republic)
or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/metapromigranty>.

We can do this together!

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