



Students born in 2008 and younger to return to in-person lessons on March 15

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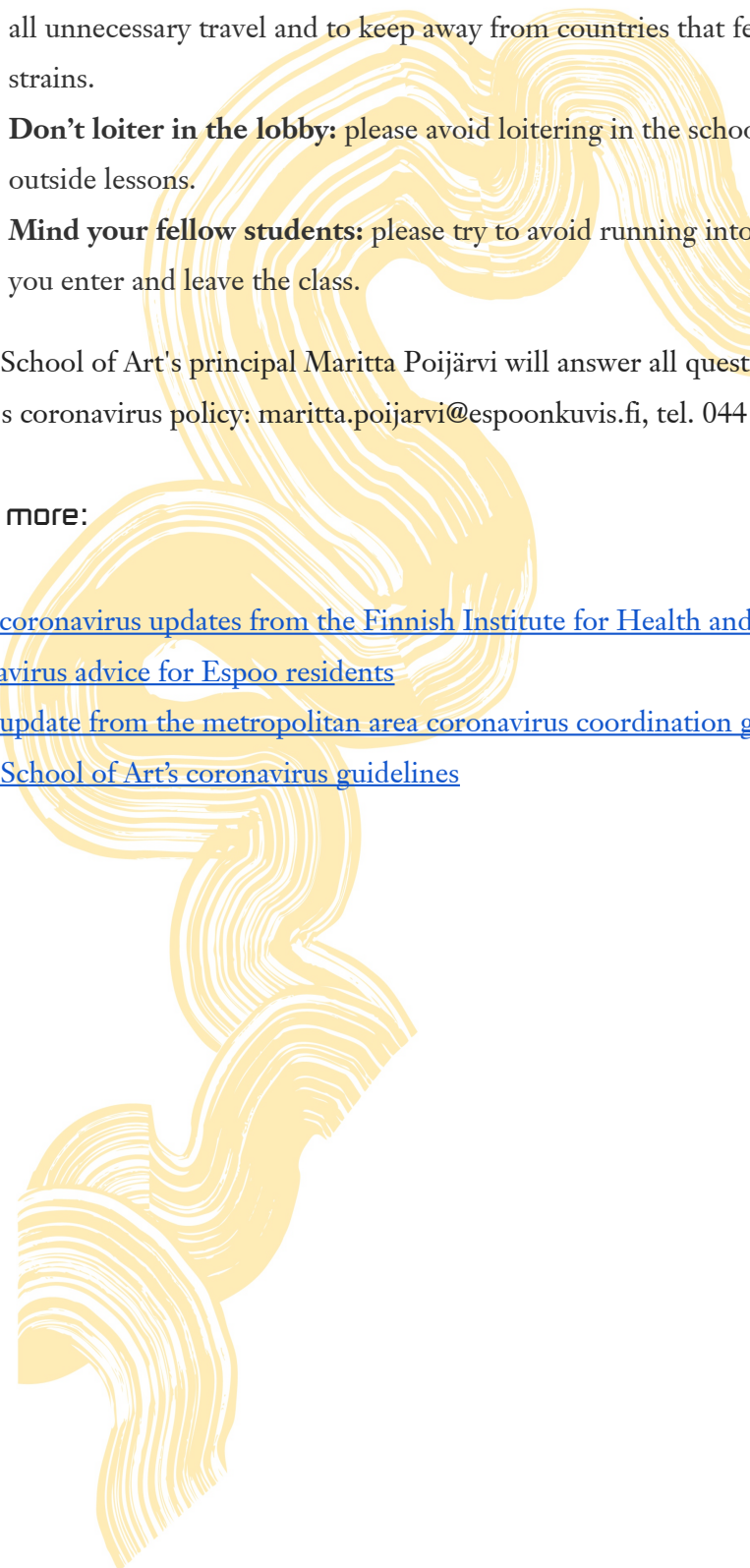
Espoo School of Art will resume in-person lessons for basic education groups and art clubs featuring **students born in 2008 and younger** from March 15 onwards. All students have been receiving distance [for the first two weeks of March](#) due to the severity of the coronavirus pandemic in the metropolitan area.

Students born in 2007 and older will continue distance learning until March 28 in accordance with the current [recommendations](#) of the Metropolitan Area coronavirus coordination group. Groups that feature both students born in 2008 and younger as well as students born in 2007 and older will also continue distance learning. Teachers of mixed-age groups will shortly inform their students of whether or not they will resume in-person learning next week.

The school's teaching arrangements are based on the metropolitan area's recommendations and restrictions, which currently only allow guided in-person recreational group activities for children born in 2008 and younger. The school follows the instructions of the City of Espoo and the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare and is prepared to adapt quickly to any and all possible changes in the situation.

We ask our students to review the school's [safety instructions](#) and to mind them during in-person lessons. The most important rules are:

- **Wear a mask:** the school staff and 12-year-old students (born in 2008) are expected to wear masks.
- **Maintain a safe distance to others:** avoid lingering too close to other students and mind your distance.
- **Do not attend lessons if you're sick:** please stay home if you feel ill or have been exposed to the virus, and please be wary of even the slightest symptoms of respiratory infection.
- **Hand hygiene:** wash your hands often and carefully, especially after sneezing or coughing. Apply hand sanitizer when needed.

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- **Quarantine after traveling:** please do not attend any lessons if you've been traveling until you've remained in quarantine. Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare recommends avoiding all unnecessary travel and to keep away from countries that feature the mutated COVID-19 strains.
 - **Don't loiter in the lobby:** please avoid loitering in the school's lobbies and other premises outside lessons.
 - **Mind your fellow students:** please try to avoid running into students from other groups when you enter and leave the class.

Espoo School of Art's principal Maritta Pöijärvi will answer all questions and inquiries about the school's coronavirus policy: maritta.pojjarvi@espoonkuvis.fi, tel. 044 777 7492.

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[Latest coronavirus updates from the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare](#)

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[Latest update from the metropolitan area coronavirus coordination group](#)

[Espoo School of Art's coronavirus guidelines](#)