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Brussels, 23 June 2021

To:

Brian Goggins, Director, European School Brussels 1

SUBJECT: Presence of Parents at BAC Proclamation 2021

Dear Director,

As representatives of the parents of the S7 classes, all sections involved, we would like to share a discussion and request regarding the coming BAC ceremony.

We have been informed that in other European and international schools, parents are being allowed to attend the BAC ceremony taking place outside.

This event is extremely important for the parents and students as they step into a new life, and away from life at home. The emotions linked to this moment make life-long memories.

Our proclamation ceremony at EEB1 is planned outside, and Belgian measures will allow events outdoors up to 5000 people from 27 June with COVID-safe ticket access. If you consider that most parents are now vaccinated, we would like to request the school to allow parents to attend the proclamation ceremony.

If the school should consider it not as an outdoor event but as a ceremony of up to 400 people, it could still be organised with both parents and students in smaller groups, then parents could leave and pupils remain together afterwards. Another solution would be if the ceremony takes place inside, that one person per student could attend.

There is a model CERM which gives guidelines for how to organise events up to 5000 people and it seems our school could perfectly fit in.

<https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/news/occ-1806/>

We are grateful for you to consider our request, which, we feel, should be aligned with the practice in other similar establishments.

Best regards,

S7 Parent Representatives

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