

Parents Association
of the European School
Brussels 1

The APEEEE & the APEEEE Services

Berkendael Site
2022-2023

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As in every school, parents at EEBI are organised in a Parents' Association called the APEEE (Association des Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne), in order to follow all matters related to the children's education, safety and well-being.

Moreover, the European Schools rely on the parents for various activities such as serving on the Education Council or working committees or organising the transport system, extra-curricular activities and school Party.

Berkendael is one of two sites of the European School Brussels I (EEB1) – Uccle being the much larger (main) site. School administration and the APEEE of the two sites are fully integrated. At the same time, because of the unique character of the Berkendael site as a Nursery and Primary-only school, the APEEE has created a **dedicated Working Group for Berkendael**, composed of parents' representatives from Berkendael.

Your participation in the Parents' Association is essential to ensure the good functioning of our school, and it is necessary if you want to use the transport service or extracurricular activities.

Here is how the APEEE works.

Who are we?

The **APEEE** and the **APEEE Services** are **two separate non-profit organisations** that are totally independent from the school, and that serve all parents whose children attend the European School of Brussels 1.

- The **APEEE** is the voice of parents in the school governance bodies; it continuously liaises with parents through elected representatives at class and language section level. The APEEE works on issues related to pedagogy, school administration, school community and students' health, safety and wellbeing.
- The **APEEE Services** is an organisation run by parent volunteers; it oversees services of key importance to students' life at school (e.g., transport, extracurricular activities in Berkendael).

The APEEE represents ALL parents whose children attend the European School of Brussels 1. And any parent can become a member of the APEEE by paying an annual fee of 50 EUR per family. This fee gives you **access to the services offered by APEEE Services** as well as several other benefits including our periodic APEEE NewsFlash.

Parent volunteers of the APEEE and APEEE Services are supported by a team of employees who run the Secretariats and coordinate the services to best serve the parents and students of the school. This staff work out of the Pré Vert building, found near the Vert Chasseur entrance to the Uccle campus.

Who are the parents behind EEB1 APEEE?



Valentina Papa
President of the APEEE



Rafael Papi Borderia
President of the APEEE Services

Berkendael Working group APEEE

The Berkendael Working Group is composed of one main representative of each linguistic section in Berkendael, plus one or more deputies. Participation is decided every year at the start of the school year among the parents representatives of all classes. Five members of the Berkendael Working Group are also Members of EEB1 APEEE Administrative Board.

The main representatives of the Berkendael Working Group are listed below. Names in **bold** are also members of the APEEE Board.

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What is our role?

The primary role of the **APEEE** is to represent the pedagogical interests of families in the decision making bodies of the school (for example, in the EEBI Administrative Board, the School Advisory Council, the Education Councils, etc.). The APEEE also supports initiatives to improve and enhance the school life of students, and it cooperates with parents to solve problems related to the education of their children.

Statutes of the APEEE

The APEEE organises several working groups to further strategic cooperation with the School:

- Berkendael Working Group
- Extracurricular Activities Working Group of Berkendael
(periscolaire.berkendael@uccleparents.org)
- Pedagogical Working Group (PedGroup)
- Well-Being of Children and Adolescents Working Group
- Community Building & Solidarity Working Group
- Legal Working Group
- Communication Working Group

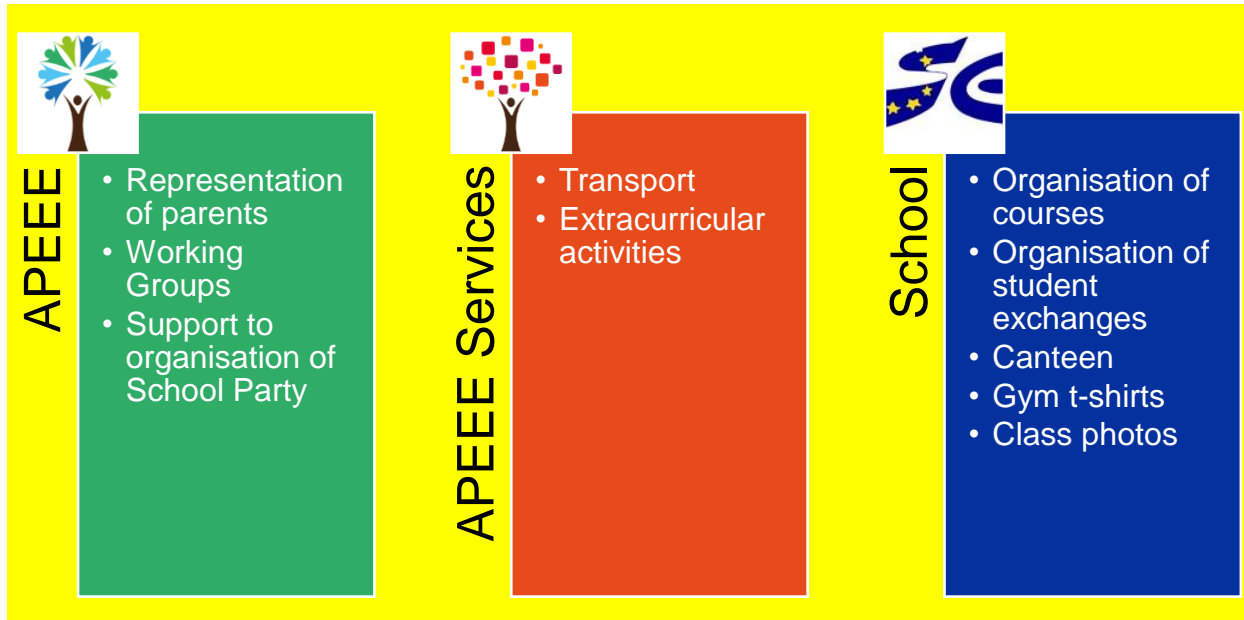
The APEEE works on the front line to support parents and students in the following areas:

- Mediation/Legal advice
- Support for children with special educational needs
- Fund-raising and support for projects/initiatives
- Student exchanges (in Secondary)

It also participates in committees and groups organised by the school (e.g. Safety and Hygiene Committee) and by the European Schools General Secretariat (e.g. Brussels Central Enrolment Authority, Brussels School Monitoring Group). The APEEE itself is represented at the highest levels of the system by INTERPARENTS, an association of all the European Schools Parent Associations.

- We proactively participate in the debates and discussions on our children's education with the school authorities and the authorities governing the European Schools.
- We communicate information and liaise between parents and the school.

Who does what?



www.uccleparents.org

www.apeeee-bxl1-services.be/

Registrations APEEEE/APEEEE Services:
<https://inscriptions.apeeee-bxl1-services.be>

Information:

www.eeb1.com
<https://sms.eursc.eu/login.php>

For the Canteen:

The Company Scolarest is providing the meals at Berkendael. Contact:
euro.school.vorst@compass-group.be

APEEE membership and enrolment for APEEE Services

All parents whose children attend the European School of Brussels 1 can become members of the APEEE by paying an annual fee (**50 EUR per family**).

This fee makes possible the following **free** facilities managed by the **APEEE**:

- APEEE website and Facebook page
- Go-between for **student exchanges (in Secondary)**
- Periodic communications keeping families updated on latest developments (limited to paid members)

Being a member of APEEE is the only way to access the following **paid** services managed by the **APEEE Services**:

- School bus **Transport**
- **Extracurricular activities**

APEEE membership and subsequent enrolment to the paid services must be done via:

<https://inscriptions.apeee-bxl1-services.be>

Why should you get involved?

Our school was set up by parent employees of the European Institutions in 1958. From the outset parents were included among the primary stakeholders in all major governance bodies at school and system level and entrusted with the organisation of transport and other services.

Since then, parent volunteers have participated as active members in the governance organs of the schools and have undertaken to organise the services that support our children in their daily life at school.

The voluntary and regular participation of parents aims to create the best conditions for our children's education.

When and how can you get involved?

The following are the different roles that you can fill in the APEEE; they can also be viewed as a “path” to longer-term involvement. You may take on one or several roles at the same time, but we recommend starting off with a lighter commitment and working up.

Light involvement – depending on need or sporadic commitment:

- Class Representative (see separate document concerning election procedure and related responsibilities of delegates)
- Parent volunteer to contribute to Berkendael newsletter
- Parent volunteer to run a stand at the annual School Fête
- Parent volunteer to help/join the extra-curricular activities working group of Berkendael (periscolaire.berkendael@uccleparents.org)

Note: parent volunteers also help in the school libraries, though this is independent of the APEEE.

Medium involvement – preparation for and attendance at regular meetings expected; can be heavy during well-defined periods:

- Language Section Representative
- Member of the APEEE Administrative Board
- Representative on the School Educational Council
- Member of an APEEE Working Group or an APEEE Services Committee (Transport or Extra-Curricular Activities)
- Member of the organising committee of the annual School Party of the Berkendael site

Intense involvement – several hours each week; expected to lead meetings or initiatives; can be heavy during longer periods:

- Member of the APEEE Bureau
- Coordinator of an APEEE Working Group or APEEE Services Committee (Transport or Extra-Curricular Activities)
- Delegate sent by APEEE to Brussels School or European School committee or working group
- APEEE INTERPARENTS delegate
- Parent coordinator of the School Party

We welcome your ideas!
Please contact your representatives on the APEEE or the Secretariat
(info@uccleparents.org).

APEEE lunch chats in Schuman



Are you interested in getting involved or simply have ideas you would like to share – but have no time to come to Uccle/Berkendael? Are you feeling lost at the school or are you facing a problem that you feel unable to solve? We are happy to meet you over a lunch-time chat (on an outdoor terrace if necessary) in the Schuman area!

Please get in touch with info@uccleparents.org, and we will be happy to arrange a meeting date and place at your convenience!

Get in touch!

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