



Timestamps L2 Virtual Thread - Reopening Schools

Challenges and Opportunities in a European Context

Link to the full conversation video: <https://youtu.be/M7s0j pzOIDI>

0:00 Welcome / Introductions / Zoom Explanations

Facilitator:

John Mikton - IS Luxembourg - Head of Education and Media Technology

Panel:

David Walter - IS Luxembourg - Deputy Principal Lower School

Steve Zeimes - IS Luxembourg - Head of Facilities and Security

Phil Keech - IS Luxembourg - Deputy Principal Upper School

04:30 Guiding Question:

With some countries now exploring a gradual cautious reopening, what do you feel as an international school leader/leadership team are some of the creative tensions to engage with your school community for a reentry, being mindful every school and context is quite different?

05:04 Steve Zeimes - IS Luxembourg - Head of Facilities and Security

- Organisational chart
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Security
- Facilities
- Supplies prevention material
- Canteen
- Temperature taken and access to the building

19:36 Phil Keech - IS Luxembourg - Deputy Principal Upper School

Our **thinking evolved much more quickly and to a far deeper level** once we opened up the discussion.

Identifying our **biggest challenge as the fundamental incompatibility** between the notion of complying with social distancing rules *and* sustaining student-centred learning - and **establishing a position statement on that** - helped.

As well as requiring their **patience & flexibility**, we need everyone to understand our **collective responsibility** to uphold social distancing rules and to **accept our individual accountability** should we breach those rules.

Establishing a common understanding of **the purpose** of the time spent back in school is useful.

Thinking in terms of a **phased approach to making academic learning the focus** emerged as an important point.

Wrestling with the **opposing forces of re-configuring the schedule 'v' retaining some familiarity** is a challenge.

The **impact on the start to the day** of everyone passing through temperature screening is profound.

We are exploring how to **ensure some degree of equity between student cohorts** in terms of days in class.

25:58 David Walker - IS Luxembourg - Deputy Principal Lower School

- Staff and student availability for reopening
- Q & A on reopening
- Narrated slide Show for reopening
- Daily operations of the school - a concept
- Student "learning" at reopening
- Daily reflection and data collection

31:15 Q&A to panelists & Open forum and conversation