



Berkendael School

2016-2017

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

Dear parents,

The Berkendael APEEE (Association des Parents d'Elèves des Ecoles Européennes) is formally a working group under the Uccle APEEE. We welcome you to our school. Berkendael site has some 180 students at the moment and we hope to grow over the coming years. As parents, we believe that our children have benefited enormously from all the advantages that the site and its smaller size have to offer – the pace is less hectic and we have been able to establish very close cooperation across parents, teachers and administration. In our first year as the official annex to the Uccle School, we have managed to have happy children, a great canteen and, for the first time, extracurricular activities in which about half of the students participate.

This guide aims to explain the role of the different actors cooperating in the school life.

If you are new to the European Schools, this information should help you to get a clearer picture of the different responsibilities of every structure.

We'll be pleased to help you with any question – contact APEEE Berkendael on apeee.berkendael@gmail.com

OUR SCHOOL

Berkendael School (BRK) is currently part of "EEB1 School"¹, as an annex to the Uccle main site. General information on the Berkendael School is provided on the joint Uccle-Berkendael website of the EEB1: <http://www.eeb1.com/en/> . For the specific information on Berkendael, see [here](#).

We have a Yammer group, open to all parents of our School, to discuss any issue, exchange tips & info. Join [here](#) (*only for parents of kids in BRK*).

Our School has:

- Currently about 180 children
- French section – nursery (maternelle) & primary
- German classes – nursery (maternelle) & primary
- Slovak section – nursery (maternelle) & primary (as of 2017/2018)
- a dynamic team of committed parents in the APEEE

¹ EEB 1 stands for "Ecole Européenne de Bruxelles 1" – there are currently 4 European Schools in Brussels (Uccle-1, Woluwe-2, Ixelles-3, Laeken-4).

BERKENDAEL SCHOOL STRUCTURES (Table 1)

Name	<p style="text-align: center;">The School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Director and Secretariat of the School collaborate closely with parents</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APEEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Parents' Association</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parents from BRK are currently part of the APEEE Uccle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APEEE Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Parents' Association responsible for services in Uccle and providing transport for BRK</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Responsibilities/ What's in it for me?</p>	<p>The Director and her team are responsible for the School educational program, management of teachers, management of building, security.</p> <p>Our School handles the contract with the canteen (<u>Scolarest</u>).</p>	<p>It's a parents' association representing the interests of the children towards the management of the BRK School and of the European Schools – See more in table 2. It participates in the School policy and decisions on the School future.</p> <p>Each class elects 3-4 Class Representatives. The Class Reps form the representative body of parents, called APEEE.</p> <p>In BRK, we currently have 43 Class Reps, representing 11 classes in our APEEE.</p> <p>In BRK, our APEEE organises Extracurricular activities (swimming, basketball, music, languages, etc.).</p>	<p>It's an ASBL, created to provide services in the European Schools such as transport. It's based on membership fee.</p> <p>The APEEE Services organises Bus transport for Berkendael.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Website</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">http://www.uccleparents.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bus transport - here APEEE services description - here</p>

AROUND OUR SCHOOL (Table 2)

Name	OIB Garderie Afterschool care, independent from School	The Central Enrolment Authority (for all European Schools) European School Governance Body It decides where your kids go to school	The Board of Governors (for all European Schools) European School Governance Body It crafts the overall policy for European Schools
Responsibilities/ What's in it for me?	<p>OIB (European Commission) is responsible for the Garderie and provides this service to staff of the EU institutions. Registration², management and building are totally independent from the School. It is a paid-for service.</p> <p>There is an OIB Garderie on the BRK site, but also in other EC buildings.</p> <p>on Mon-Tue-Thu, School finishes at 15h on Wed, School finishes at 12h30 on Fri, School finishes at 12h30 (mat) and 15h (prim)</p> <p>Garderie is open until 18h30 (18h on Fri).</p>	<p>Manages enrolments, performs executive management duties, and provides advice and assistance.</p> <p>It is chaired by the Secretary-General of the European Schools. All APEEEs are represented (APEEE Working Group BRK with observer status) with one single vote.</p>	<p>Composed of representatives of the Member States, the BoG shapes the EU Schools' policy.</p> <p>APEEEs' chairs are part of the "Groupe de Suivi" which has consultative role within the preparation of policies for the decisions of the BoG</p>
Website	<p>Full information on MyIntraComm</p> <p>Contact via Kiddyweb or OIB-garderies-postscolaires@ec.europa.eu</p>	<p>https://www.eursc.eu/en/European-Schools/mission</p>	<p>https://www.eursc.eu/en/Office/organs</p>

² Please note that the enrolment deadlines are set early. By then you might not know in which school your child will have a place. We recommend you register to the Garderie within the enrolment deadlines.