

WELCOME GUIDE

PRESENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FRANKFURT
PARENT NETWORK

THE PARENT NETWORK

CONNECTING SCHOOL TO HOME

We are ISF parents who work together to plan special events for students and social events for parents, provide gifts for staff members, and facilitate discussions between parents and school administration. To join the Parent Network at no cost to you, please complete the membership application at the end of this Welcome Guide. We hope that the recommendations here will be helpful to you as you acclimate to the International School of Frankfurt community.

How do I contact my Parent Network Representative?

Each grade level has a Parent Network Grade Level Representative, and many of the individual classes through grade 4 also have a Class Representative. We hope that when you enroll at ISF, you will receive an email from one of our representatives within your first month. To connect with your representatives, please email ParentNetwork@isf-sabis.net.

What can I find in this Welcome Guide?

The purpose of this Welcome Guide is to provide new ISF families with recommendations from their fellow parents. The information is divided into categories such as General Shopping, Playgrounds, Zoos, Museums, Seasonal Festivals, etc. For helpful school links, please visit [ISF's Parent Page](#).

Please check the Weekly Update each Friday for our Parent Network article.
We are here to help should you have any questions.



SHOPPING

EINKAUFEN

For a large shopping mall try:

- **Main Taunus Zentrum** in Sulzbach: 11km from ISF
 - Free parking
 - Many restaurants and stores
 - Movie theater
- **Skyline Plaza** in Frankfurt: 19km from ISF
 - Paid garage parking
 - Kino (movie theater/cinema)
 - Food court and Alex restaurant
- **LOOPS** in Weiterstadt: 31km from ISF
 - Garage parking
 - Food Court with 25 eateries
 - 79 stores, indoor



Groceries:

Rewe, Edeka, ALDI, Globus, Alnatura (organic foods),
Lidl, Tegut, Kaufland

If you liked *Reliance Superstore*, then try Globus or Rewe.

If you liked *Target*, then try Globus.

If you like *fast food*, you can try McDonalds, Burger King, Subway, and KFC.

For inexpensive home decor, craft materials, and clothes, try **KiK** or **TEDI**.

For DIY supplies, hardware, home improvement, and gardening supplies, try **OBI** or **TOOM**.



TIPS FOR SHOPPING IN GERMANY

- Bring cloth or other types of reusable shopping bags with you.
- Take a 50 cent or 1 Euro coin for the shopping cart.
- Checkout is very quick here! Have your bags ready or sort it out away from register after checking out.

TOY STORES

SPIELZEUGLADEN

- [Smyth's Toys Superstores](#)
- [Faix](#)
- [Steiff](#)
- [Teddy-Paradise](#)



SWIMMING POOLS

SCHWIMMBAD

- [Rhein-Main Therme](#) in Hofheim
 - 6km from ISF
- [Panoramabad](#) in Bornheim
 - 24km from ISF

***Many towns have
small indoor and/or
outdoor pools.***



PLAYGROUNDS

SPIELPLÄTZE

[Kriftel Freizeitpark](#)

6km from ISF

[Spielpark Hochheim](#)

20km from ISF

[Grüneburgpark](#) in Frankfurt

21km from ISF

Also check out the [Palmengarten](#) next door

[Spielplatz Goetheturm](#) in Frankfurt

26km from ISF

[Volkspark](#) in Mainz

50km from ISF

Also has a splash pad, children's train, restaurant



**MOST TOWNS IN GERMANY
HAVE PUBLIC OUTDOOR
SPACES PERFECT FOR PLAY,
AND YOU WILL NOTICE THAT
GREEN SPACES AND TRAILS
FOR WALKING, BIKING, AND
HIKING ARE EVERYWHERE.**



[Click here for a list
of walking trails
in Frankfurt](#)

ZOOS

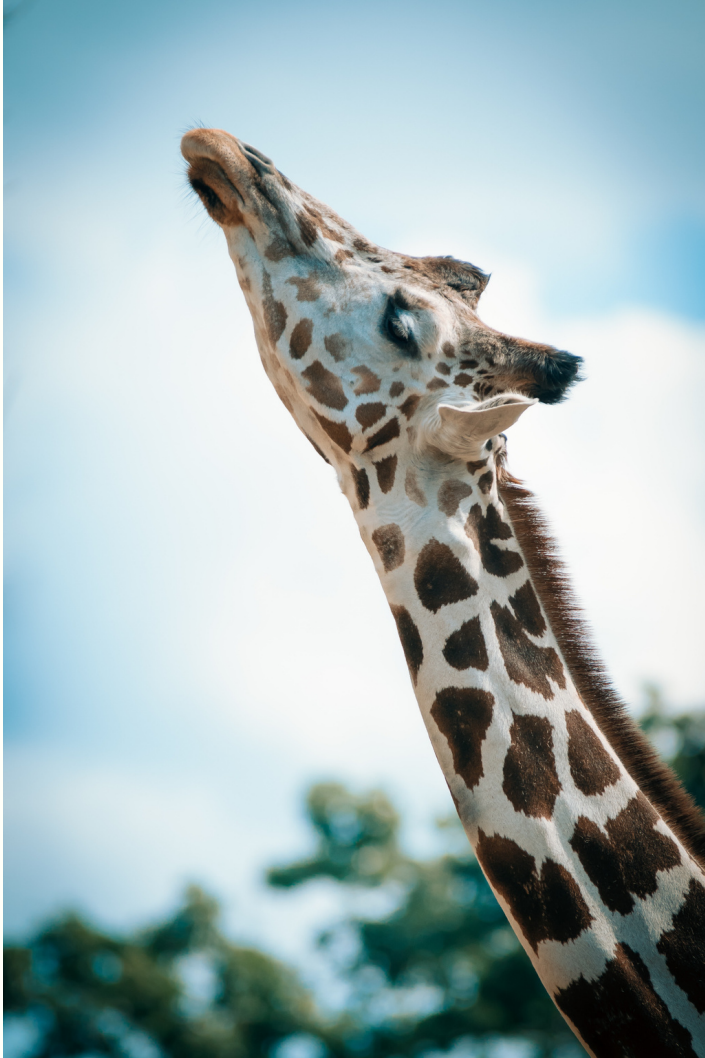
[Opel Zoo](#) in Kronberg
20km from ISF

[Frankfurt Zoo](#) in Frankfurt
23km from ISF

[Fasanerie](#) in Wiesbaden
30km from ISF

[Wildpark Alte Fasanerie](#) in Hanau
38km from ISF

[Tiergarten Weilburg](#) in Weilburg
86km from ISF



Disclaimer:
Due to COVID, entry requirements and hours of operation may change at any time. Please check online for the most up-to-date information.

MUSEUMS

MUSEEN

EXPERIMINTA Science Museum in Frankfurt

19km from ISF

Senckenberg Museum in Frankfurt

20km from ISF

Saalburg Roman Fort in Bad Homburg

36km from ISF

Hessenpark open air museum in Neu-Anspach

41km from ISF

Messel Pit Fossil Site

41km from ISF

Technik Museum Speyer

104km from ISF



HESSEN PARK



ROMERKASTELL
SAALBURG

THEME PARKS

FREIZEITPARKS

Freizeitpark Lochmühle

40km from ISF

Taunus Wunderland

41km from ISF

Phantasialand

186km from ISF

PLAYMOBIL Fun Park

239km from ISF

Europa Park

242km from ISF

LEGOLAND Gunzburg

311km from ISF

Heide Park & Peppa Pig World

438km from ISF



LOCHMÜHLE



LEGOLAND



EUROPA PARK

SEASONAL FESTIVALS

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

- Frankfurt's Weihnachtsmarkt
 - Carousel in the Romerberg
 - Stalls for gifts, treats, food, and beverages
- Wiesbaden's Twinkling Star Christmas Market
 - Ice skating and children's area
 - Stalls for gifts, treats, food, and beverages

FALL FESTIVALS

- Bauer Lipp's Pumpkin Paradise in Weiterstadt 31km from ISF
 - Corn Maze
 - Food and Drink for sale
 - Pumpkins and assorted squash and other products for sale
 - Children's play areas and activities
- Oktoberfests

[This article](#) explains the seasonal festival offerings popular in Germany.



We hope you will join us!

All parents are welcome to join the ISF Parent Network e.V., a registered German Verein which operates on a voluntary basis, promoting social activities and services that support the ISF school community.

The primary objective of the PN is to encourage cooperation among parents, students, faculty and administration staff by co-operating to enrich the lives of the students. It also promotes open communication between parents, the school, and to help newcomers settle into their new environment and to bring together parents of diverse cultures and languages. The PN organizes social activities and special events for parents and students.

The Parent Network activities are coordinated via a Board structure. It is made up of a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary along with a volunteer representative from each school grade, and an International Representative. Connecting with your child's class/grade families can be facilitated through PN Grade and Class reps. PN's activities depend on support from parents. There are many ways to help and you would be warmly welcomed.

Examples of Parent Network services and activities:

- Celebrations for holidays and cultural events such as Chuseok, Halloween, Diwali, Chinese New Year, Fasching, Christmas, Easter, and more.
- Coordinating volunteers for school events and field trips.
- Preparing staff and teacher gifts.
- Parent social activities like Morning Mingles and German language lessons.
- Welcoming and assisting new families to ISF.
- Bringing parent concerns to the school administration for resolutions.



[Click here to find our application on the ISF Parent Page](#)