

Pozastavení spolupráce Gymnázia Chotěboř s Vasaskolan Gävle, Švédsko

V červnu 2018 naše škola obdržela dopis od ředitelky Vasaskolan paní Sofie Nordell Kvarnebrink a jejího zástupce pana Mikaela Englunda.

Ředitelka i zástupce Vasakolan v dopise vyjádřili svůj kladný postoj k zahraničním výměnám studentů a zdůraznili jejich význam v současném globalizovaném světě. Bohužel, z důvodu strukturálních změn a sníženého počtu studentů jsou nuceni desetiletou spoluprací s Gymnáziem Chotěboř pozastavit.

Doufáme, že spolupráce bude v průběhu nejbližších let obnovena.

Mgr. Danuše Caltová, 25.6.2018

Níže plné znění dopisu z 18.6.2018:



Dear Mr. Smejkal,

this is a very late reply and we do apologize. Before writing back it was necessary for us to finalize some crucial strategic work. This spring the school management (principal and assistant principals) has worked a lot with organizational issues. One item on the agenda has been the international exchanges of the school. How can the international activities be incorporated into the school work and how do new conditions affect the international exchanges?

As you know, international school exchanges have been part of our school's activities for many years. We consider them an enrichment for our students as well as for the society. We live in a globalized world and meeting with representatives from other cultures enriches our lives in many ways. As an European Union member country it is important for us to contribute to vivid relationships between the membership countries. During the years our school has worked hard to keep the international activities.

Recently, the prerequisite for running the international programmes of our school have changed. Firstly, there is a declining number of applicants for our programmes. In short, we have less students. Secondly, the School Administration of our municipality has been restructured and there are new routines for decision making. Many of the structural and tactical decisions of our school were previously made by the principal and/or the assistant principals. They were the authorized decision makers. But as a result of the reconstruction, the mandat has been moved higher up in the chain of decision making. One effect of this is that the decision about the number of classes of our school is no longer ours to make. A reduced number of students in



Vasa School's International programmes means inevitable a reduced number of international exchanges.

Vasa School has had a good collaboration with your school and your municipality. Due to the change of conditions explained above, we must discuss the future forms for the exchange between our schools. We already know for certain that during the upcoming school year (autumn 2018 - spring 2019) there is no class to participate in an exchange with Chotěboř. The partnership with the schools in Mallorca and Italy has been running for about 15 years and must be prioritized.

We would very much like to stay partners with your school, but no promises can be made for the future. Our suggestion is that we stay in touch and see what the future brings. Hopefully students from Chotěboř and Gävle can meet and share experiences again in a couple of years.

Sincerely yours,

Sofia Nordell Kvarnebrink, Principal

Mikael Englund, Assistant Principal

Gävle, June 18th, 2018