

FAQ: WOLUWE P1 & P2 MOVE TO EVERE

GENERAL

What is the basis for this decision?

Since 2014, the school has asked the Régie des Bâtiments to carry out works to remove inner walls on the ground floor and first floor of the Primary building. The current walls are wooden partitions which are no longer compliant with current fire regulations. The Régie des Bâtiments told the Management of the school that they would be able to carry out these works during the 2023 budget year. The Management therefore made the decision to allow these works to be undertaken even though they might last longer than the summer holidays.

What are the organization reasons for this transfer?

Due to the important overcrowding, we cannot use the little existing space on the Woluwe site to place containers.

Why P1-P2 pupils?

Nursery pupils will remain in their own classrooms on the Woluwe site as their building is separated from the rest. The little ones will therefore not be affected. P1-P2 will be transferred in Evere as they are the ones who would be the most impacted during works. Keeping P3-P4-P5 on the Woluwe site means that we do not have to organize a double move.

How will this impact the remaining pupils?

Nursery pupils will not be impacted as their building is separated. For the remaining pupils, our Safety Officer is currently preparing circulation plans. The work zone will be completely separated. In order to decrease the number of pupils in the playground during breaks, P3 pupils will use the current P1-P2 playground. Stairwells for construction workers will be separated from those used by pupils. Pupils will therefore not be in contact with the Régie des Bâtiments construction workers.

For how long will P1-P2 pupils remain in Evere?

We plan that this move will only last the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Even if we do not exclude an earlier return to the Woluwe site, we prefer to plan for the whole semester as this enables us to be ready should works be slightly delayed. According to recent feedback from the Régie des Bâtiments, it should not be the case.

Will parents have the possibility to visit the Evere site?

All current parents had the opportunity to visit the site on the 8th and 15th of June 2023 with their children. A guided tour was organized by the Evere Management team. Parents who could not be

present (notably new parents) will have the opportunity to visit on the day before Back-to-School Day, on the 5th of September 2023 from 16.00 to 17.00.

Is there a risk that this temporary move becomes permanent?

No, the move is not planned to be permanent and pupils will return to Woluwe as soon as the classrooms are finished and fully equipped.

Will the school inform parents on the progress of the works?

Absolutely, parents will be informed via the weekly communication.

HEALTH & SECURITY

Will the level of noise be respected (35dB maximum) for the remaining pupils?

As mentioned, the Régie des Bâtiments plans demolition works (which cause the most noise and dust) during the summer holidays. All other types of works (building of walls, changing of sinks, painting, etc.) are part of the daily life at school and always respect the well-being of pupils.

What about asbestos in the walls being destroyed?

There is no asbestos in the walls which are made of wood.

Do construction workers, working in close proximity to young pupils will have to give an 'Extrait de casier judiciaire 596-2'?

No, it is not planned as they will not be in contact with pupils. The work zone and circulation routes will be separated and so no direct contact should occur. Our Safety Officer will supervise the works and the workers.

What measures are implemented to guarantee security and safety on the Evere site in the context of terrorism trials (Justitia building near the school)?

The Evere site has been functioning for two years, all security and safety measures are therefore already in place.

WORKS

What are these works exactly, what is the planning?

The replacement of the Nursery cycle windows will start on the 10th of July. The classrooms should therefore be ready for the start of the new school year in September.

Unfortunately, the roof of the Nursery building will not be replaced until 2024. We have therefore decided to suspend the painting and the replacement of the ceiling and LED lighting in these classrooms. This work will be carried out by our technical team as soon as the roof is properly insulated.

The removal of furniture and teaching equipment from part of the Primary classrooms will start on the 10th of July, before the actual works start on the 17th of July. According to the schedule sent to us by the Régie des Bâtiments, all the work causing noise and dust (demolition and removal) can be carried out during the summer holidays, despite a reduced team due to the "congé du bâtiment". Working conditions for the building's occupants during the first semester next year should therefore remain fairly good. Our Safety Officer is currently drawing up the safety plan for the coming months.

PEDAGOGICAL

Under which administrative supervision will the Woluwe P1/P2 classes be during their stay in Evere? Woluwe or Evere Director/Deputy Director?

The Woluwe Deputy Director.

How will the school recuperate the loss of time during transfers (shuttle bus)?

We will do our best not to lose a lot. We are going to evaluate the progress in several curriculum regularly.

Will the teaching material (e.g. class library) be transferred to Evere?

Yes, including books from the library.

Are L2 teachers also moving to Evere?

Yes.

What about first language SWALS during the temporary move (as there is only one teacher)?

All L1 lessons will be guaranteed.

Can you guarantee that SEN pupils will be supported to the same extent in two geographic locations (limited number of SEN teachers/assistants)?

Yes.

What happens to the current P1/P2 vertically grouped class (SE section) that might be a vertically grouped P2/P3 class in 2023/2024?

We are still waiting for the last figures, but it seems that those classes will be not merged. If so, they will be separated for 6 months to keep levels together.

Is there a risk that students enrolled in P1 or P2 classes in DE, EN, FR, or IT at the Woluwe site might be horizontally grouped with their respective levels in Evere, for the time of the move?

No horizontal merger between Woluwe and Evere classes is planned. The Director wants to keep as much stability as possible for the Woluwe P1&P2 pupils, so that when they come back to Woluwe there will be no change concerning the classes for them.

Where will P1-P2 pupils go for sports (Sportcity or Evere site)?

Woluwe P1-P2 pupils will continue to go to Sportcity to ensure continuity.

TRANSPORT

Will the APEEE offer a direct transport to Evere in the morning?

Every morning of the week, the following options will be available:

- Go to Woluwe as usual (by APEEE school bus or drop-off by parents) and take a shuttle bus to Evere. Once a shuttle bus is full, it will depart for Evere. Pupils will not have to wait outside in the rain or cold.
- Take a school bus from home directly to Evere departing from the closest existing bus stop.

In the afternoon (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), the following options will be available:

- Take a bus directly home (from Evere).
- Take a bus (from Evere) to a European Commission Afterschool Childcare centre site outside of EEB2 (Barnepark, Wilson, Cole, Geneve, VM).
- Take a shuttle bus to Woluwe for:
 - Extracurricular activities
 - APEEE supervision
 - European Commission Afterschool childcare in Woluwe
 - Pick-up by parents in Woluwe
 - Take the bus from Woluwe to go home, however **SUBJECT TO** the availability of seats in the bus.

In the afternoon (Friday), the following options will be available:

- At 13:00 Take a bus (from Evere) to a European Commission Afterschool Childcare centre site outside of EEB2 (Barnepark, Wilson, Cole, Geneve, VM).
- At 13:00 Take a shuttle to Woluwe (**only for the children registered for the European Commission Afterschool Childcare Centre Woluwe and those who will be picked up by parents in Woluwe**).
- At 15:30 Take a bus directly home (from Evere).
- At 15:15 Take a shuttle bus to Woluwe for:

- Extracurricular activities
- APEEE supervision
- Take the bus from Woluwe to go home, however **SUBJECT TO** the availability of seats in the bus.

The preceding requires a **reshuffle of the APEEE Transport**. Notably, 3 current WOLUWE buses will be temporarily allocated to EVERE during the move and two extra buses (to be additionally contracted) will be added to meet the needs. This means that 5 buses to Evere will be needed during the temporary move. This will reduce the number of seats available on buses going to and from Woluwe.

Following the move back to Woluwe after Carnival 2024, all the pupils previously temporarily moved who are registered to the APEEE transport service will have a seat on a Woluwe bus as before the move, because the buses reallocated to Evere will be returned to their usual routes.

How do I register to transport services for the temporary move? What would be the related costs?

The temporary move will require a separate registration. Therefore, all parents who currently have a child in MAT2 and/or P1 will be invited before the end of the school year to complete a form indicating their wishes.

Regarding the related costs, the Institutions will cover the cost for children whose parents work for the Institutions, while the APEEE is currently exploring the possibilities that no further cost is charged for children whose transport is paid by their parents. Please note that this cannot be guaranteed – however, if any, the additional cost is likely not to exceed 100 €.

With the temporary move, do I still need to register my child to transport services for Woluwe?

If a child is already registered for the school bus transport in Woluwe, the automatic renewal will apply after his/her return to Woluwe.

Will parents have the choice to use the school bus service directly to/from Evere or to/from Woluwe with the shuttle service from where they live?

The parents of P1/P2 pupils will receive a form from the APEEE transport department to fill out and indicate what service they need. This will be mailed to them at the end of June.

How will the afternoon buses be organised?

We have adapted our routes to provide the best possible service. Pupils will be able to take a direct bus (Home <-> Evere) or a shuttle (Woluwe <-> Evere) or a bus to the European Commission Afterschool childcare sites (Evere -> Wilson, VM, Cole, Barnepark, Geneve ...).

Will the shuttle service and the direct lines to Evere be operational on the first day of school?

Yes, they will.

How long will the transfer take between the Evere and Woluwe sites?

Between 10 to 20 minutes.

Will teachers board the shuttle from Woluwe to Evere and back? Who will supervise the pupils in the shuttle?

The pupils in the shuttle will be supervised by teachers.

Will a place in the shuttle be anyway guaranteed to pupils who don't have a school bus subscription?

Yes, the school will provide a dedicated shuttle for non-transport users and APEEE stand-in as backup.

Can parents drop their child in Evere directly (for example if they live close by the Evere school)?

Yes they can.

Will the school bear the costs of these additional bus services?

The APEEE and the school are discussing the sharing of the costs.

Will there be a shuttle from Evere to Woluwe on Fridays with the end of class for P1 and P2 students at 12:45?

P1 and P2 students registered for the APEEE supervision will remain on the Evere school site until 15:15 (time of the departure of the shuttle to Woluwe, for more details see below under périscolaire). **Only the P1 and P2 students registered for the Afterschool childcare sites will take the shuttle at 13:00 to either the Woluwe site or the other sites outside of EEB2.**

What is planned for young pupils during bad weather days (no shelter at bus stops)?

Every day 3000 pupils take the school bus to school and back home. When the weather is warm APEEE foresees water for the pupils. In case the weather is bad the APEEE unfortunately cannot do anything; please dress your child properly / provide an umbrella.

When will we know the final bus departure and arrival schedule?

As every year, the routes will be fine-tuned by the end of August. The transport service will give the proper relevant information.

Is there a transport management plan created and communicated to minimise the impact of the STIB works in Q3/4 2023 to extend the tram line 62 from Bordet to the airport?

We are in contact with the competent authorities to monitor this issue as effectively as possible. We will keep parents informed in due course.

Can pupils who will be transferred to Evere wait at the same bus stops as their siblings who go to the Woluwe site?

We are currently working on matching as much as possible bus stops for Evere and Woluwe lines.

Canteen

When do I need to register my child to the Woluwe canteen for return after Carnival?

If a child is already registered for the canteen in Woluwe, the automatic renewal will apply and this in anticipation of their return after the Carnival break. In case a child is not registered yet for the canteen in Woluwe, and parents would like to register for the period following return to Woluwe, the registration is to be timely made via Secured Zone as of 19th June 2023 (date of the opening of APEEE Canteen registrations).

I want my child to eat a warm meal in Evere: what do I do?

The Scolarest Compass team, providing the meals in Evere, will contact parents to register their child to Evere canteen for the duration of the temporary move.

My child is registered for the European Commission Afterschool childcare on Wednesday: where do I register?

If your child is registered for the European Commission Afterschool childcare on Wednesday, you do not need to indicate the Wednesday meal in the APEEE registration system, since the price of the meal is included in the price of the Afterschool childcare service.

PERISCOLAIRE

Will I be able to register my child to an APEEE Activity?

As mentioned above, parents will be able to register their child to Woluwe activities and use the afternoon shuttle bus to come back to Woluwe to attend their activity and/or APEEE Supervision.

Is there a guarantee that P1 and P2 pupils will have European Commission Afterschool Childcare and APEEE afterschool activities in Evere for all days of the week during this period, including Fridays?

APEEE Supervision & Extracurricular

The APEEE foresees APEEE supervision and activities on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** on the Woluwe school site (P1-2 children will be brought to Woluwe with shuttle bus before the beginning of activities).

As far as **Friday** is concerned, the school management informed the APEEE that there are no sufficient classrooms available to welcome in Woluwe all of the P1/P2 temporarily transferred, starting at 12:45. Therefore, all P1/P2 WOL pupils registered for the APEEE supervision and/or APEEE activities will remain on the Evere school site until 15:15 and then they will be brought to Woluwe where supervision and Périscolaire activities will take place (see above under transport). The list of activities in Evere available to Woluwe P1/P2 between 12:45 and 15:00 will be included in the program of activities 2023-2024 on the APEEE website.

European Commission Afterschool childcare

Children enrolled in the Evere school and registered with the European Commission Afterschool childcare will be welcomed on site every day of the week.

P1 and P2 students enrolled in the Woluwe school but temporarily transferred to the Evere school will have the possibility to take the shuttle bus back to the Woluwe site where the European Commission will provide childcare on site every day of the week.

Both Evere and Woluwe P1 and P2 children, registered for the European Commission Afterschool childcare on sites outside of EEB2 will be transferred to those sites directly from the Evere school with APEEE buses.

How will the extracurricular activities be organised in practical terms considering that the children will be split between 2 schools and will change sites during the year?

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On **Friday afternoon** the children registered for the APEEE PÉriscolaire activities and supervision will stay in Evere until around 15:00 (the time of the departure of the shuttle to Woluwe). After Carnival, they can follow their activity in Woluwe.

Will P1-P2 pupils transferred to Evere be able to participate in extracurricular activities organised outside of school, e.g., swimming classes in Sports City, simultaneously as children from the Woluwe site?

Yes, they will.