

**The teaching of Norwegian at the LFO includes between 2 to 2.5 hours of classes per week. How can we ensure that upon leaving the LFO, students will have a proficiency level in the Norwegian language sufficient to pursue higher education in Norway without any gaps?**

During the 2022/2023 school year, substantial work was carried out with the Norwegian teachers. Institutional tests (from CP to CE1, CE2 to CM1, and CM1 to CM2) in line with the targeted objectives were prepared by the teachers to assess and place each student at an appropriate level for the 2023/2024 school year. Every year, students will undergo assessments to place them in the appropriate level for the following school year.

### **Level Changes**

In Cycle 2 (CP, CE1, CE2), the teaching of Norwegian will remain unchanged and will be offered in two levels (Norwegian as a Foreign Language and Norwegian). In Cycle 3 (CM1, CM2), the teaching of Norwegian will be provided in 3 levels by introducing an intermediate level, meaning a small-sized group with expectations from the 'advanced' program but with special support. Thus, the new level designations are:

- Norwegian as a Foreign Language for former beginners
- Adapted Norwegian
- Norwegian for former advanced students

### **Pedagogical EMILE Program**

Simultaneously, the LFO administration has worked on the Pedagogical EMILE program to anticipate the teaching of a subject in Norwegian. Teacher training is expected to take place in spring 2024, with the implementation of the program scheduled for the 2024/2025 school year. This program conveys an innovative methodological approach that goes beyond language instruction. It refers to a bilingual learning situation in which a language other than the mother tongue serves as a medium for teaching/learning a subject.

The specific level or levels affected are currently under consideration.

EMILE: Teaching a Subject through the Integration of a Foreign Language.

### **Natural Immersion**

Teachers emphasize that learning a foreign language in an institutional setting will be even more robust, reinforced, and supported if complemented by immersion in a natural environment. Therefore, it is essential to provide children with opportunities to interact with native speakers, whether through activities outside the school environment (for Norwegian), overseas stays (for English), etc.

To this end, immersions and/or visits and/or joint projects with equivalent Norwegian schools are being considered at LFO. Initial contacts have already been established."

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## Why is it not possible to enter the school premises, and what are the reasons for fixed, non-flexible study outings?

The Administration reminds that the embassy's instructions do not authorize the opening of the school. As for study outings, LFO has targeted peak hours. Due to a lack of logistical and human resources, it is currently not feasible to create an additional time slot.

There are many children enrolled in study sessions in CP and CE1 (approximately 20/class). The supervisors work diligently with the children, and each outing disrupts the calm atmosphere.

In order to ensure a quality work environment during study sessions, it was decided to authorize study outings at fixed times rather than free ones. Students who do not stay for the entire study period (14:45/30-16:55) may not have enough time to complete all their homework.

A reminder of this organization can be found on the LFO website under the following link: <https://lfo.no/en/internal-regulation/>

2. PEDAGOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION 2.I SCHOOL SCHEDULES - Clarifications 2.I.1 Days and opening/closing hours of the institution:

**Preschool:** Monday to Friday from 7:45 to 16:45.

### **Elementary School:**

Monday to Thursday 8:00/14:45 and Friday 8:00/14:30.

Study sessions every day from 14:45 or 14:30 (Friday) to 16:55.

### **Exits from the institution:**

For CP and CE1: exits take place at Skovveien except during study sessions (15:45 and 16:30) at Oscars gate.

For CE1/CE2, CE2, CM1, and CM2: exits always take place at Oscars gate.

Teachers do not have access to their emails during the day. Therefore, requests for outings cannot be addressed during the day.

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