

REC info 2025-26

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Dear Students & Parents,

In this booklet, we have gathered information about the school in order to make a year at Ranum Efterskole College easier. One copy of this booklet is given to each student/family and can be found on our homepage www.ranumefterskole.dk under 'School life' and 'info for new students'. Please read prior to school start together with your parent/guardian.

Good communication secures a good experience and optimal benefits from the efterskole stay. It is of utmost importance that you check 'Skoleplan' regularly and read messages from the office, subject teachers and contact teachers. Official information about events, bus plans and registration can be found on Skoleplan and NOT via Facebook. Should we provide information on Facebook, it will be in order to inform you to check Skoleplan. To see stories and pictures from our daily life at the school, subscribe to our newsletter or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and/or Snapchat.

Should you have any questions of a practical nature, in relation to rules, regulations, safety, calendar, checklist, economy or the like, you may be able to find the answer by reading this info-booklet. Should you have any questions after reading this booklet, please contact the office directly.

Through signing up and filling out the page "Permissions" on Skoleplan with the parents' login, students and parents agree to the terms and conditions in "Rules and Regulations", "Economy" & "Guidelines for use of IT at Ranum Efterskole" – as listed in this booklet.

Happy reading!

Contacting the school/students: Main tel. number: +45 96 66 44 00

Office hours is 08.00-16.00 – you are most likely to get through during office hours between 09.00 – 11.30 and between 12.00 – 16.00. Between 16.00 and 23.00 the telephone is automatized via a central switchboard. During these hours you will be asked to press for the house in which the student lives, and you will then be redirected to that house. **Between 23.00 and 08.00 the telephone is re-directed to the on-duty night teacher, and we must stress that any calls during these hours are strictly for emergency purposes.**

Mail to students and the school should be addressed to:

Ranum Efterskole College, Seminarievej 23, 9681 Ranum, DK.

Remember to include name and contact group number – ex. K23-Josh Smith!

(Mail is collected and handed out daily at dinner)

Who knows most about?

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| School enrolment/ resignation & Logins for Skoletplan: | Carina Overgaard, Secretary | +45 96664400 info@ranumefterskole.dk |
| Economy, payment and financial support | Mie Sørensen, Head of Finance Joan Just Sørensen, Finance secretary | +45 96664403 Mie@ranumefterskole.dk jj@ranumefterskole.dk |
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| AFS (1 year), International programmes, IGCSE exams | Birthe Petersen. International Administrator & CIE Exam Officer | +45 96664406 bp@ranumefterskole.dk |
| Student counsellor (DK) Appointments with psychologist/support | Peter Kristensen, Head of Pastoral Care | pk@ranumefterskole.dk |
| Sickness & support, Seminariehus | Karina Dahl | kar@ranumefterskole.dk |
| Sickness & support, Ranumhus | Jan Rind | jr@ranumefterskole.dk |
| Sickness & support, Kærhuset | Susanne Damgaard Mette Rødbro | sd@ranumefterskole.dk mr@ranumefterskole.dk |
| Diet & Nutrition | Jesper Kofoed | jlk@ranumefterskole.dk |
| Bedding agreement | Jørn K. Nielsen, Technical Service Manager | jn@ranumefterskole.dk |
| School clothing | Lima Sport/Henrik | +45 96467000 info@limasport.dk |

Contact regarding the wellbeing of the student, sickness, personal- and academic development is addressed to the contact teacher.

Please contact your contact teacher via the message and mail system in Skoletplan and check Skoletplan on a regular basis to stay updated on messages from the school and teachers.

How to use Skoletplan

Via <https://skoletplan.ranumefterskole.dk/>, students and parents can stay informed on all matters related to schedule, calendar, absence, grades, activities and events during the whole school year. **Skoletplan** has a 'student entry' and a 'parent entry'. The **skoletplan** system is also a message and mailing system and it is very important to check news via this system regularly. New login or any questions in relation to the use of **Skoletplan** may be directed at: info@ranumefterskole.dk

It is parental responsibility to maintain information about address, contact, health, passport in Skoletplan – Errors may result in the invalidity of purchased tickets or visa for the school travels.

BEFORE SCHOOL START

Students and parents will be forwarded username and password

AFTER SCHOOL START

Students will use their UNI-LOGIN, provided by the school

It is important that the students do not have access to this function.

Ranum Efterskole College leadership and organisation

| Role | Name | Responsibility | Contact |
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| Principal | Olav Storm Johannsen | Head for pedagogy, administration, economy, communication/IT and staff. Coordination of profile- and culture subjects. Safety procedures and crisis management. PR and recruitment. Official representative for the school in relation to media, partners and public affairs. | os@ranumefterskole.dk +45 96664411 |
| Head of School | Matthew Danaher | Responsible for schedule, classes and teachers, networking, international partners, exams and international student counselling. | md@ranumefterskole.dk +45 96664407 |
| Head of Administration | Carl Bennison | Responsible for planning, schedule, classes and Efterskole-life and any changes in relation to the mentioned. | car@ranumefterskole.dk |
| Head of Pastoral Care | Peter Kristensen | Head for school nurses, pedagogical structure and contact, and challenges in relation to pedagogy- and/or wellbeing – including potential abuse issues. Chair of pedagogical team, in which pedagogical work across the houses and contact groups is coordinated. Coordination of evening and weekend supervision, individual support and inclusion. | pk@ranumefterskole.dk +45 96664471 |
| Head of Technical Support Department | Jørn Kvist Nielsen | Responsible for service and maintenance of buildings. Management of staff members in service, cleaning and maintenance of the grounds. Management of key/lock system and alarms, as well as fire alarms. | jn@ranumefterskole.dk +45 96664433 |
| Head of Kitchen Dep. | Jesper Kofoed | Responsible for the running of the kitchen, staff, planning of meals/food and hygiene control. Coordination of external PR events. | jlk@ranumefterskole.dk +45 96664420 |
| Economy & Business Manager | Mie Sørensen | Head of Finance – including responsibility for tuition and self-payment from parents. Support to planning and schedule. | mie@ranumefterskole.dk +4596664403 |

Practical information

Weekend, time off, bus service, sickness and visits

Journeys home may only take place when the schedule for the week is over.

The school week normally ends Friday at 2.30pm. Students returning to the school from a weekend or holiday away may do so between the hours of 6pm to 9.00pm on Sundays. Parents must inform the on-duty teacher if students will come before or after these hours. Tel. +45 96 66 44 00. It is expected that students returning to the school from a weekend or holiday away, will have had their dinner prior to their arrival Sunday evening. Students must inform the on-duty teacher of his/her arrival upon arrival and fill in the weekend list.

Weekend at the school: The protocol for weekends is run via Skoleplan and deadline for signing in or out is Mondays at Noon. Parents/guardians will receive an email about the student's choice Monday afternoon. After Monday, we stress that any unnecessary changes will be difficult to make, due to planning, activities and staff.

Parents/guardians have the responsibility for students, when they are not at the school in weekends. Parents of students, who visit other students in weekends, are encouraged to make contact to the other home to check what the agreement is.

Exemption from school hours in the schedule and/or in obligatory weekends may only be granted under special circumstances e.g. emergency, hospital, special dentist, wedding, confirmation, family anniversaries or similar.

Remember it is only parents/legal guardian who may contact the school for exemptions by calling the school during office hours.

Exemption for holiday or other 'non-special occasions' may result in economic sanctions towards the school from the Danish Government. These costs will be passed on to the student/parents.

Please make sure all absence is registered in Skoleplan, remember to include evenings/nights. We will contact the guardians at any given time if there are any doubts about whereabouts of the student.

Sick at home: If the student is sick at home and unable to return to the school ready for the school week, parents must call the school's main telephone number +45 96 66 44 00 Sundays between 6pm and 9pm. When the student in question is well again, parents should inform the school of arrival, and the student must register with the on-duty teacher upon return. **If there are any doubts about the student's whereabouts, we will call the home regardless of the hour.**

Visits: Visits to the school must be announced to the school in advance. Guests pay 150 DKK per day for board and food. Guests will participate in the daily routines, practical assignments and must bring their own sheets and sleeping bag. Boys and girls sleep in separate rooms. The on-duty teacher is authorised to send any visitors home, if they do not comply with the rules of the school or arrive without any confirmed agreement with the school.

Diet and kitchen: It is a priority for us to serve a healthy and varied diet. Mealtimes are compulsory because they are central to the social life of the school, as they help to build and maintain strong social bonds within contact groups. We offer menus in which special considerations are made e.g. allergies, ethnical, cultural and so on. We strive to inform and guide our students, particularly at the beginning of the school year, and we expect that students take responsibility in terms of judging if the diet is in line with their needs. Special considerations are to be addressed directly to the kitchen team, preferably in writing and with recommendations for recipes etc. This must be done at the beginning of the school year.

The Ranum Bus

Route and price overview can be found here – <https://www.ranumefterskole.dk/ranumbus/>

Remember to stay updated on changes, routes and times in the Facebook group

Ranum Bus - Ranum Efterskole College | Facebook

The Ranum Bus is an extra service arranged by the school to students and parents. This service has to be financially sustainable, and we therefore ask for your support in relation to the use of it.

You can book 1-2 months in advance of respectively the Autumn- and Spring semesters.

Based on this system, we can offer a seat guarantee, and buses are put in on the routes according to demand.

Available seats on the route are up for sale until Tuesday before the relevant weekend and any leftovers from that day will be available for purchase until departure.

The student must create a user-profile and have the valid ticket on the mobile/mail.

We do not refund unused tickets.

We would recommend booking early and take advantage of the discount.

Examples of routes, prices and the calendar – (Danish only):

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Economy

School tuition is paid in 12 rates*. The first rate is due the 1st of June 2025, and the final rate is due 1st of May 2026. Deposit for the room, possible certificates and materials such as the book package for the international programme are included in the first rate. *For full host package students and exchange students' other conditions may apply.

Financial aid in relation to travels: Parents and students who are economically strained may apply for funding from our REC pool. Application forms are to be retrieved from the office via mail jj@ranumefterskole.dk or telephone +45 96 66 44 00.

Room and key deposit 1.000 DKK.

Students are responsible for the room, furniture and cleaning equipment that are at their personal disposal during their stay at the school, and any damages/repairs are deducted from the deposit regardless of if the student in question is the one responsible for the damages. Damages to shared furniture, bathroom, windows, panels, doors and locks are collectively deducted from all the students within that room. If the deposit is used prior to the end of the school year a new deposit will be charged. Unused deposits are reimbursed after the end of the school year. If the key is lost or left at home, you should contact the Head of Technical Support Jørn Nielsen at his office between 07.30-08.00. It is the student's responsibility to have a key and it is also used to register for laundry and absence from common activities. **A key replacement costs 100 DKK., which will be deducted from the deposit. Keys found should be handed in at the office.**

Problems in relation to keys should be addressed to Jørn Nielsen, Head of Technical Support. He can be reached via jn@ranumefterskole.dk or at his office between 07.00-08.00 on weekdays.

Laundry rooms: Students can wash and dry their clothes in the school's laundry rooms. Each wash is 20 DKK and money for laundry can be deposited into their laundry account at the office. Washing and drying of clothes is at one's own risk.

Students and pocket money: We recommend that students acquire a **Mastercard Debit**.

Termination of the stay*: If a student/family considers a termination of the school stay, it is very important to inform us as soon as possible. The sooner we may engage in dialogue about any issues related to the stay the sooner we may find the solutions that will support positive changes. We are very flexible, and we have the experience in supporting insecure students. Please, do not make rash decisions, because it is our experience that if students terminate their stay without any dialogue with the school, they regret their choice shortly after. For full host package students and exchange students, other conditions may apply.

Economy in the event of a termination of the stay*: **Regardless of whether the school or the student / family decides to withdraw, a fee of DKK 8,000 must be paid for terminating the Efterskole stay. For full host package students and exchange students, other conditions may apply.** Already booked or paid expenses in relation to travels, certificates or events are non-refundable, as capacity and price are calculated based on the expressed demand, and a potential refund would therefore alter the prices for others.

Insurance and safety

Insurance: We recommend that you confer with your insurance company in relation to coverage of personal property such as laptops while the student is staying at the school - also in relation to extreme sports. We recommend private insurance to be taken if the student is to participate in some of our more specialised activities such as diving, riding and so on. The school's collective insurance covers sports and activities offered.

Travel insurance: School insurance covers necessary travel insurance and is a supplement to the Danish yellow health card, the blue EU health card as well as the private insurance of the families. The school insurance does not, cover lost baggage.

Please note that, if the student is covered by private insurance from home, the school's insurance company will take recourse against the private insurance company of the student/family in case of injury/accident during the school travel. It is therefore necessary that the school is provided with a copy of the insurance details.

In case changes have occurred in relation to the student's normal health, chronic illness or changes in prescriptive medicine, it may be necessary to seek a pre-authorization to travel from the insurance company. Via the school's insurance company, parents can download a form to fill in necessary information. This information is used by our insurance company to assess whether you can participate in the travel or not. If the insurance will not cover, it is important to seek advice from your private insurance company and maintain close dialogue with the school. Should parents wish to send their child on the travel regardless, it is important to stress that parents have full financial responsibility.

The school should always be contacted if a student has been admitted to a hospital or treated for serious illness within 3 months before traveling.

The school cannot be held responsible for deductible expenses for lack of insurance coverage. If there is any doubt that a student can participate safely in terms of health status, we recommend that the student do not participate. The school does not handle private travel insurance cases for the family or the student. Since these are school trips, where both school fees, teacher salaries, tuition and self-payment are included in the total cost of the trip, it is very difficult to calculate the cost of a trip in a compensation case and a case processing of up to 6-8 weeks must be expected. If the student has a unique condition or are being treated for an illness, it is the guardians' responsibility to make sure the students have supplementary insurances. The school is not responsible for any expenses cost incurred by a lack of coverage.

Vaccinations: It is the responsibility of parent/guardian to make sure that the student has the necessary vaccinations to complete the travel in question. The school relies on the information and instructions given by 'Statens Serum Institut' – under the auspices of the Danish Ministry of Health. The school does not cover expenses related to vaccinations. The school collaborates with a private company to offer vaccinations here at the school, but it will be the responsibility of the parents to book and pay for these appointments.

Safety in relation to maritime activities: The school has drafted safety instructions for sailing, surfing, kayaking, wakeboarding and canoeing. These instructions can be found on the school homepage, and they comply with the regulations from the Danish Maritime Authority. The school strongly recommends that the student in question is capable of swimming at least 200m if signing up for any water sports activities.

Safety in relation to travel activities: The school drafts security instructions for each profile- and culture travel before departure, and these are forwarded to students and parents before the travel. All instructions can also be found on the school homepage.

Cooperation between school and home

Cooperation between school and home: During different arrangements at school, we arrange school-home meetings. These meetings focus on the student's academic and social development at the school. Throughout the year, the contact teacher will keep the home informed about the student's personal development; however, it is also the homes responsibility to seek information from the contact teacher, Skoleplan and from the student. In connection with planning future studies, it will be possible to meet with a student counsellor. It is not obligatory for the home to attend these meetings, but if there are issues, we hope that the family will show their support and that we can together solve any issues. For your ease, the meetings can be held over the phone or skype.

Year plan 2025-26

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| 10th August | First day of school – invitation in May. |
| Week 34 | Intro-meeting: talking with the student about goals, challenges and expectations |
| 13 th September | Vilsted Sø Løb/lake run and activities for the whole family. |
| Week 38/39 | Individual contact to the home about the 1 st period. |
| Week 46 | Term grades are available on Skoleplan. |
| 9 th November | 'Grandparents Day' |
| 29 th November | Performance day with an opportunity to speak with contact- or family group teachers. |
| 19 th December | Christmas celebration - just for students: The Christmas holiday will start 14.30. |
| Week 2 | 'Togetherness trips': Winter sport in Sweden or City travel. |
| Week 3 | Midterm evaluations with the student. |
| Week 8 | Midterm tests. |
| Weeks 11-12 | Culture travels. |
| 19 th April | Culture- and Family Day |
| Week 22 | Profile subject excursions 2-3 days. |
| 21 st June | 'Pick-up' event for those able to collect students' belongings early and join for dinner. |
| 27 th June | Graduation at 10.00-13.00 (Ceremony at 11.00-12.30) |

Year Plan: School activities and lessons are described in the school's year plan for of the relevant year. This is obviously very extensive and is therefore not printed, but only available on our Danish homepage <https://www.ranumfterskole.dk> The year plan is subject to change during the school year.

School year calendar - Skoleplan:

At the beginning of the school year, students will be given a school year calendar. Any changes in the school year calendar will be communicated via Skoleplan. The school year calendar shows which weekends are stay-at-school weekends/days and which weekends we encourage students to go home, visit their host families and/or friends, as well as when we have events, travels, tests or parent conversations. The dates for the travels might crossover the weekend before- and after.

Guardians can follow the student's grades, attendance and statements on Skoleplan

Two times a year the students are graded, and notice will be provided in Skoleplan.

Study counselling: Students will be asked to make their choices in relation to further studies during the spring. We have student counsellors collaborating with students and home. During the winter term, you will be able to book conversations with student councillors if you need clarification on matters related to making these choices. The schedule for these appointments/weekends will be announced in the year calendar

Transition programmes: Students in 10th grade have the opportunity to try their choices of further study. For the Danish learners, it is obligatory, while it is optional for the international students. If you wish to participate in the transition programmes, we advise you to contact management and student counsellors. Deadline for choosing a transition programme is prior to school start.

Family weekends and events during the school year: There are several events during the school year, where family are welcome to participate – these events will be published via Skoleplan and the calendar, so keep an eye out for the invitations!

Parents committee and collaboration with Student Party Committee (SPC):

Parents are encouraged to form a voluntary parents committee that may be of assistance in difficult pedagogical situations with dialogue and reflection. The parent's committee is encouraged to collaborate closely with the SPC in relation to arranging 4-5 parties for the students during the school year. We have over the years developed and tested this concept in order to create a safe framework for the students to have their parties. The school will support and guide parents in relation to securing safe and great experiences in relation to these parties, but the school has no part in or responsibility for the parties. The parties are held outside of school premises, and they are optional. The first meeting in the voluntary committee is held Sunday at 6pm after the first long weekend – the school will be hosting a dinner in relation to this and former members will participate in order to pass on their experiences.

Inclusion

At Ranum Efterskole College, we offer Inclusion, meaning we offer extra support for the students who experience challenges in regard to our academic programme. Inclusion is devised in cooperation between teachers and the pedagogical management and is integrated in the daily schedule. It is important that cooperation regarding inclusion is started as fast as possible therefore, if you think it is an offer you would like to take advantage of, please contact the pedagogical department leader.

Friends of Ranum Efterskole College (Ranum Efterskoles Venner): The purpose of this association is to create a forum for all who have some connection to Ranum Efterskole College. The articles of association for this forum are to be found on our Danish homepage www.ranumefterskole.dk/efterskolen. The association is an umbrella organisation with 2 parents- and 2 students from previous and current school year, as well as the Principal of the school. Membership is free. Events and activities are announced via school homepages and Facebook pages. The voluntary parents committee and the former parents committee are formally organised under the association 'Friends of Ranum Efterskole College'.

Activities included under the association: Reunions. Annual General Meetings, which are held in relation to the last parent's weekend in the Spring and the first parents' weekend in the Autumn.

Ranum Efterskole College's Constituency:

The Constituency of Ranum Efterskole College is an association that elects the Board of the school. Membership of the constituency is acquired via request to the Chair of the Board via email: info@ranumefterskole.dk.

Bedding agreement – rent & wash

If you wish to rent bedding for the school year 2025-26, the students have the possibility to rent a duvet, pillow and mattress protector for a full year – 43 weeks.

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| Incl. cleaning at the end of the year and/or Linen packaged with bedsheets, pillow- and duvet cover Wash every 2nd week | DKK 600,00 DKK 1.100,00 |
| Total | DKK 1.700,00 |

The students have to hand in the linen in a washing bag and have to get a new set at the dispense at the depot. Replacement of lost or destroyed linen 100/200DKK per part and bedding per pillow/duvet 200/500DKK
All prices are incl. taxes.

The rented linen/bedding will be placed on the student's bed on the first day of school.

To order and pay for the bedding packages go to our shop: <http://www.ranumefterskole.dk/shop>

Bedding is included for full host students, so they will not have to order via the webshop!

If you have any questions, please contact our technical leader Jørn Kvist Nielsen. Email: jn@ranumefterskole.dk

Choice of Profile- & Culture subjects

At Ranum Efterskole College, we divide the school year in 4 periods. In the 1st period we have the 1st Profile subject, in the 2nd period we have the Imagination & Nature sports travels, in the 3rd period we have our Culture subject and in the 4th period we have the 2nd Profile subject. You can read more about the subjects on the homepage and via the links we forward on Skoleplan.

Choosing Profile & Culture subjects

At the end of each period, we have a travel as a completion of the subject. The process for choosing and confirming the Profile- & Culture subjects always starts with a democratic process where the students can choose their priorities. Based on the student's priorities we decide which subjects they can choose from. There will be a few subjects, which will have a limited number of seats. If a subject with limitations receives more interest than possible, the school will try to form another subject with similar content or the school will help the students make a reasoned choice regarding reselection. Students must always indicate a 1st and 2nd priority when choosing subjects. Students that do not get their 1st priority in the first Profile subject period, are guaranteed the subject in the last period.

Aug.-Oct. Profile and travels in week 41.

On New Student Day, you are invited to hear about our profile subjects. When choosing subjects for the coming school year, we want to know which profile subject you are most interested in hearing about. At New Student Day, you can also hear about other subjects at our profile subject workshop. The week after New Students' Day, profile subjects are selected via Skoleplan because this method ensures that parents/guardians authorise the choice and activity. The invoice for any self-payment is sent out by email/Skoleplan to parents/guardians with parental authority.

Only when the school has received the payment via bank transfer and before the deadline is the choice finally confirmed. The reason we do not use the webshop for payment is that it involves a very high cost in fees for the school.

Nov.-Jan. Winter programme – Skiing in Sweden or Big City trip.

In the winter programme, you can choose from a range of Imagination and Nature Sports subjects. You can also come up with your own ideas for new subjects. The programme ends with either a ski trip to Sweden or a city break in week 2. (The choice in Skoleplan is also a parental acceptance)

Nov.-Apr. Culture-profile subject travels in week 12+13

The culture subject is chosen after the Autumn holidays. You get the opportunity to combine an interest in a specific culture with an interest in a specific profile subject. This gives you a better opportunity to meet other young people with the same interest and create stronger cultural encounters on the long journey.

May Profile subject period with 2-3 day expedition in Denmark

Again, you can choose or suggest new profile subjects and together we prepare a small expedition in Denmark.

Economy & choosing profile- & culture subjects:

There will be a self-payment on some of the subjects, but in each period, we try to create subjects without self-payment, however, they are sadly not always chosen by the students. We encourage all families to talk about prioritising and the financial aspects in relation to the choice of profile and culture subject travels before the start of the school year. It is perfectly normal to have a financial framework for what each student can choose within, and it is a learning opportunity for the student to prioritise their choices. In special situations, the school may be able to provide a financial contribution towards self-payment. Application forms are available at the office.

Changing subjects: After the official choosing period is over, it is not possible to change subjects, and therefore it is VERY important that the subject be chosen based on interests and not on friendships etc. In case a change of subject is necessary, the student must cover the school's expenses in relation to the travel.

More information: You can find last year's profile- & culture subject catalogues on the homepage. They can provide an overview of which subjects there is to choose from and the price range of the subjects.

Private accommodation while travelling/guest students in Denmark: If you choose a subject with private accommodation for part of the trip, you must be prepared to host a guest student during the school year.

Rules and regulations

We build our spirit of community on mutual trust and respect. We support the individual's freedom of expression with respect to the spirit of community. Therefore, we have clear rules that provide safe boundaries and freedom to cultivate a good spirit of community.

We perceive our school's pedagogical context as the interaction between the board, management, staff, students and parents, in line with democracy and the freedom requirement in our school system.

First and most important rule is a positive expectation

All staff and students are obliged in the widest possible scope to contribute positively to strengthen the spirit of community and to create a good learning environment and stay for everyone at Ranum Efterskole College.

If the first rule does not work, we might have to use the following rules:

Bullying is not accepted. It is important to distinguish between teasing and bullying. Teasing is a good-natured approach to another human being and helps to provide a positive atmosphere in the social sphere. Bullying on the other hand is an act that may harm another person physically, mentally or socially. In bullying situations, it is about a sender and receiver, so it is not about how much you tease, but whether the receiver thinks, it is funny. We therefore enforce that all students respect each other as equals. Should any bullying occur then we will try to resolve this through open dialogue between the parties. Bullying can lead to suspension (at home) depending on the situation.

Violence is not accepted. If a student subjects others to physical harm that can be characterised as violence, it will result in immediate expulsion, and they cannot be expected to continue at the school. The students involved will be consulted with parents/guardians acting as counsellors – if in special situations and under certain conditions, the school, parents and authorities can come to a mutual agreement that allows the student in question to complete the school year still.

No illegal drugs at the school. If a student possesses or disseminates drugs, it will lead to immediate expulsion. If a student is influenced at school, e.g. by hash which stays in the system for weeks, the student will be suspended with no guarantee that they can return to the school. We test the student upon suspicion.

Alcohol. No alcohol at the school, on school trips, in the town or on the way to and from school. No empty/decorative bottles at school. We test the student upon suspicion, if a student is influenced while at the school, it will lead to immediate expulsion, and they cannot be expected to continue at the school.

Nicotine Products: We are a non-nicotine school; this applies to both tobacco of any kind, snuff, vapes and E-cigarettes. We expect the student to be nicotine-free. Parents are responsible for any nicotine cessation agents. Water pipes, tobacco, e-cigarettes or similar items are prohibited at the school. Breach of the rules will result in the family being contacted, with the purpose of making sure it will not happen again. We test for nicotine if suspected.

In the case of smoking and storage of articles for smoking, snuff, etc. the home will be contacted in order to make a plan for how the student can stop smoking or snuff. There will be additional costs in connection with smoking/snuff cessation/testing programmes. Persistent violation of the rules may result in expulsion. Passing on nicotine-containing products at school will result in immediate expulsion and you cannot expect to continue at the school. Confiscated nicotine-containing products will be confiscated and destroyed.

Unauthorized absence is not accepted! A student who fails to attend a class/activity will be recorded as absent on the roster. By repeated unauthorized absences, the student's home will be contacted. Unauthorized absences will lead to sanctions and the student may be suspended and sent home.

Sex at the school is not allowed. Adults and other students must be able to visit the rooms and not have an embarrassing experience. Violation leads to a conversation with home and can lead to suspension. Visits from boys/girls in the room is allowed between 10 am and 9.50 pm. The house rules must be kept. During the first weeks of school and in certain periods, there may be special rules for visits between boys and girls.

Theft is not acceptable - do not tempt others: "Borrowing"/petty larceny leads to a warning; Repeated and intentional larceny can lead to suspension. Unjust "borrowing" of school-property is considered larceny.

Storage of valuables; Do not bring large amounts of cash. Lock your valuables inside your closet when not in use. All students must have a key to their room, as the insurance does not cover if the door is unlocked.

Remember that it is the parents' private insurance that must cover the student's things during the stay. The school does NOT have an insurance that covers simple theft from the student's room, classroom, locker rooms, etc.

Vandalism is not accepted! Mishaps and misdemeanours must be compensated either in cash or through the family's insurance. Vandalism can lead to immediate suspension.

Bed times; the student must be in his/her room and be ready to go to bed by 10 pm. By 10:30 pm, it is adamant that full consideration is made towards those who want to sleep, and all use of electronic devices must be used in consideration to others in the room. The teacher can confiscate electronic equipment if this is not respected and if the student cannot get up in the morning. The equipment is stored in the office at the student's own risk and insurance.

Night running is not accepted. When students are out of bed in the hallway or in another room between the hours of 10:30 pm and 06:45 am it is considered night running. The on-duty evening teacher assesses the situation and then determines whether it is night running. Night running, especially off campus, creates insecurity, especially in case of fire, which can bring others in danger, if they have to look for students that are not in their room. Therefore, we do not accept night runs, and the student might be sent home for clarification or given sanctions in terms of practical work or restriction of freedom.

Kitchen- & cleaning team; All learners must participate in kitchen duties during the stay. Participation on the kitchen team and cleaning is an important part of the educational part of the stay. Students on the kitchen team are ONLY out of class during their kitchen time. All students must expect 1 week of kitchen and cleaning throughout the year.

Cleaning of rooms and common areas: All students must participate in turns in cleaning the common areas during the school year. **Students must keep their room tidy.** The room must generally appear tidy.

Cleaning products and toilet paper, etc. are handed out during room cleaning. The room is responsible for ensuring that the material is treated properly. A broken vacuum cleaner must e.g. be compensated using the room deposit, individually or collectively in the room.

Electronics in the rooms: External screens/TV's, and projectors may not be brought to school. You may bring small speakers, if you do not bother others. The teachers can confiscate electronic equipment for some time if proper consideration towards others is not shown. It is not allowed to bring toasters, mini fridge or the like seeing that it can cause a health and fire hazard. **It is allowed to have 1 kettle in the room if agreed with the house coordinator.**

Pets of any kind are not allowed.

Any form of weapons are forbidden at the school.

Mobile Phones: The school is a **Mobile Free Zone the first week** to strengthen social interactions. Mobile phones must be handed in to the office in a sealed envelope with the student's name when starting school. The envelopes will be locked in a bank vault. The phones are returned when the students go home for the first time. On a daily basis mobile phones must be on silent and may only be used during class according to the teacher or kitchen staff. **The Mobile Free Zones must be respected.**

Headphones: We prioritise spending time together, the students are therefore asked not to use headphones in classrooms, dining hall and at the assembly.

Computers: The student must bring a laptop with WIFI. It is not allowed to bring static computers. The guardians must sign an IT declaration for the use of IT at the school.

Internet access: WIFI is available at the school between 07.00 and 23.00, the schools' management can choose to change the timeframe or to close the access.

Bikes: Students MAY bring a bike. We encourage all students to bring either a bike, mountain bike, skateboard/longboard or rollerblades. Bikes must be checked in upon arrival where they will be labelled with the student's name. Bikes that are not operational or legal must be repaired as soon as possible. The school has no responsibility for students' bicycles.

Skateboards, longboards and rollers, etc.: These are allowed; however they must only be used outdoors.
Moped/scooter is not allowed.

Protective gear, etc.: All students must bring a legal bike helmet (remember name in the helmet). Bicycle helmet must be used in conjunction with activities organized by the school. When participating in skating and skiing activities, students must wear a helmet and safety equipment as per the teacher's instructions. We recommend that students always use safety equipment.

Sickness: If a student is not well enough to attend classes, the student must register sick with the House nurse for a health check. The sick student must stay in bed in the ward until the house nurse or the teacher decide that the student is either healthy or must go home. The staff that oversees the sick decides whether he/she should consult a doctor. The house nurse and the kitchen team ensure that the student is brought food and is attended to during the day. If the student is sick more than 2 days, the house nurse contacts the student's home, and it is assessed whether the student should go home. Doctor visits should be made with the student's own doctor. Only in exceptional cases can the local doctor be consulted.

Medicine: The house nurse must be informed if the student needs prescription medicine, to make an agreement on when and how the medicine will be kept. Students must not have non-prescription medicine in their room unless it has been agreed on with the house nurse.

Room Organization: Students may organize their rooms and apartments with consideration to furniture and roommates. Moving beds may only be done by agreement with the resident teacher or janitor. It is possible to bring own furniture after arrangement with the resident teacher. Posters may only be mounted with sticky putty. The room must be returned to its original condition before vacating/departure, and damage to the inventory must be paid through the deposit.

Room Relocation: Room relocation is generally not an option. Students can only relocate when all sensible opportunities for conflict resolution are exhausted. Parents cannot request a relocation, and parents are advised not to involve other students or parents in room issues. Only school employees can facilitate new rooms and apartments. Students who encounter insurmountable problems in the room must contact the contact teacher.

Weekend at the school: It is only students who have registered for the weekend who can stay at the school. The weekend begins Friday after classes and ends Sunday at 6pm, where students who have been home for the weekend may return. It is not possible to go home Friday and come back Saturday. All weekend students will help with cooking, cleaning and tidying. The school has a budget for activities, and co-payments may occur e.g. if going to the movies. A supervising teacher may decide, in consultation with the students, to close the school and go on a trip. Weekend students who wish to attend activities out of the programme e.g. go to another town must have their guardians send the weekend coordinator their permission. The weekend coordinator can at all times refuse permission, if it does not fit the weekends programme or chores, or bus/transport time. Full host students and AFS students are expected to stay at the school during weekends unless other arrangements have been made in collaboration between the school and parents/host family.

Swimming: Students must not swim in the lake or at the beach without a teacher present. Students that participate in water sports must pass a swimming test.

Trips out of the house: If students wish to go further away from the school, e.g. to Løgstør, the departure and return time must be agreed with an on-duty teacher.

Travels: Please note that the school's rules also apply on all the school trips.

Consequences for breach of the above rules

We try not to apply penalties because we work with young people "under development". Consequences with meaning provide more learning and experience and creates a better atmosphere. This does not mean that young people do not perceive the consequence as a punishment. No matter how we look at it, we must have sanctions that show that it is the adults who set the boundaries. This way we create safe and democratic boundaries for all!

Dialogue and recommendation; We use mainly dialogue and conversation to solve problems, but it can also be valuable to provide a direct recommendation about following the common rules. If a personal dialogue or recommendation is not followed, the home will be contacted. If a student is under suspicion for breaking the school's rules, the student will be called to a meeting with the teacher and the pedagogical member of staff responsible. The school works with democracy and dialog, therefore it is important that the student and parents understands the importance of cooperating with respect and honesty. Our point of view is that we work with a young person who will meet challenges and that the goal for every conversation is to keep the student in a positive and constructive development. For this to happen the student must take responsibility for their actions and learn from the mistakes.

Clarification: In the case of blatant offences, the student may be sent home for 'clarification'. The purpose of this is for the learner and guardians to continue the conversation at home, so that trust can be rebuild. By clarification we mean that the student will be sent home to consider the stay at the school with his/her parents and in writing explain to school management how the student in question understands his/her future at the school. The property of the student will remain at the school until matters are clarified.

Expulsion: The cooperation between home and school is crucial for this process to be a success, therefore meetings will be held between the school/home and student, where further process, plan and changes are agreed. If school, home and student cannot find common ground, or if we can no longer trust that we in cooperation can change the behaviour which is harming to the students or other students' wellbeing we might have to have a concluding conversation where we advise the student on where to go after our school.

If the student is not interested in staying at the school and illustrates this by unacceptable behaviour, the school management may decide to expel the student. In relation to expulsion or termination, the student will be charged 8000 kroner. An expelled student will have the opportunity to be heard before final decisions are made. The Principal may grant an expelled student the opportunity to take final exams at the school.

Consequences and sanctions: In cases of sanctions, the Principal, the contact teacher and the responsible house coordinator will have had a conversation with the student in question about it, and parents will be informed via Skoleplan. A sanction may be an assignment that contributes to the well-being at the school.

Guidelines for use of IT at Ranum Efterskole College

Purpose & Priorities

Purpose of the declaration

The purpose of this declaration is to assure that any use of IT-equipment agrees with rules, regulations and law, and the ethical rules of the school.

School priorities

It is a priority for the school that students become confident with the use of IT in educational contexts. However, it is important to stress that any use of IT-equipment should not compromise opportunities for social relations during the stay at the school, and any use of IT-equipment should therefore be confined to educational use. Students can work in their rooms during study hours.

Technical & Practical Information

Student's IT-equipment

For the sake of electricity consumption, each student is allowed to bring 1 tablet and 1 laptop, which can be used in all rooms of the school. In relation to extra equipment, each student is allowed to bring 1 mouse (powered by the laptop), and 1 set of headphones. Students are not allowed to bring extra equipment such as an external hard disc unless it is powered by the laptop.

To make sure that the student prioritises social relations and activities, as well as study hours, it is school policy that the student in question may only use his/her laptop for gaming at times announced by the school management. These times may vary from period to period during the school year, and it is the responsibility of the student to know these times and any changes.

The laptop must be switched off from 11PM-7AM. The laptop must be off (not standby), when not in use by the student. The school is not responsible for- nor will rectify any errors caused by hardware or programmes on the student's laptop.

Username & Password: Each student will be given a username and password to the network at the school.

Username and password are personal and may therefore not be forwarded to any third parties – including other students.

Programmes: If the student does not have any text processing and spreadsheet programmes installed on his/her laptop, the school offers a license for the full Office Package and anti-virus programme, which will last during the stay.

WIFI: All rooms in the school have WIFI, and all students have access once validated with a username and password. In order to have access to the wireless net, the computer name should be changed to Student no. + First name e.g. Anders Vestergaard has student no. 102, so the new computer name should be 102Anders. The wireless net is encrypted, and our system uses WPA2/AES encryption technologies. These demands following of the laptops: The laptop must run a minimum of Windows 7 with Service Pack 3. Apple MAC must run the latest version of MAC OS X. The wireless card in the laptop must be able to run with a WPA2/AES encryption and approval (not to be confused with WPA-PSK encryption). The laptop must at all times be installed with an updated anti-virus programme.

Liability and insurance: The school's insurance does not cover any damages to laptops, loss of data, theft or the like, just as the school is not responsible for such acts if they happen during your stay at the school.

The school is not responsible for any damages, loss of data or theft caused by third parties, including other students. The school recommends that the student have an insurance that covers above-mentioned scenarios whilst staying at the school.

Legislation and School Ethics

Legislation: It is a given that students comply with Danish legislation on the use of IT while staying at the school.

It is given that students comply with legislation on copyright while staying at the school. This means that students may not download or copy images, music, film or other material without consent from the copyright owner/handler.

Photo-bank and use of photos

Danish legislation: In accordance with Danish legislation on the protection of personal information, it is not allowed to share or publish photos on the internet, in which other people are recognisable without their consent. As the photographer has copyrights, he/she will also have to give consent prior to sharing or publishing the photos in question.

Use of photos on the school server: The student understands and accepts that photos uploaded to the school server by others than the school, may not be used without a written consent from both photographer and the individuals on the photograph.

The school's photo-bank: The school has a photo-bank on its internal network to which the school can upload photos. Certain parts of the photo-bank are available to both the school and students. Before any photos are made available to students, the school will assess whether or not legislation is complied with.

The school's use of photos

By signing this declaration, the student allows the school to use photos and videos in which the student is recognisable for commercial purposes.

Furthermore, the student allows the school to upload photos in which the student is displayed, into the photo-bank, which is available to other students and teachers.

Access and demurrer

The student will always have the right to have access and demurrer in relation to the personal information about him/herself. This means that the student always is able to withdraw his/her consent in relation to school registration and use of photos. The student will also have the right to be informed of what personal information the school has registered about the student in question, if the student requests it.

The student also has the right to demurrer against registration and use of personal information, and in extension, the right to have wrong or misleading information amended.

IT-safety & registration: To ensure the safety of both yours and the schools IT-safety the school uses a special safety software, which analyses the traffic at the schools' network. The software makes it possible for our IT-department to have an overview of active TCP/IP protocols, browsers, MAC addresses, machine numbers, URL addresses and so forth, to avoid malware on yours and the school's equipment. The student accepts that the school may log activities on the school's network if there is a substantiate suspicion of violation of legislation or school's ethical rules. The student accepts that the school is entitled to do this, without prior notice to the student, and that you will assist the school in an investigation.

Sanctions: Notification of parents

If the school is made aware of any violations of legislation or school's ethical rules, the school may choose to notify parents. The school may choose to confiscate access to the school's network or forbid the use of IT-equipment for students, who violate legislation or school's ethical rules. In the period of these sanctions, it will be determined between the school and parents if the IT-equipment is to be stored at home or at the school for the duration of the sanctions.

Police report: In the case of particularly abusive or illegal violations, the school may choose to report the case to the police, relevant authorities and others.

Checklist – what to bring

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| Laptop with word/excel or other similar programmes | |
| 2 extension cords for your room and school bag | |
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| School bag: (REC backpack - optional) | |
| 1 pencil case | |
| 1 ruler and 1 protractor | |
| 1 compass | |
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| For the room/studio | |
| 1 mattress topper 80cm*200cm | |
| 1 pillow and duvet (can be rented from the school) | |
| 2 sets of bedlinen and sheets (can be rented from the school) | |
| 1 bedcover | |
| 1 laundry basket | |
| 1 tea towel | |
| 1 Bed roller | |
| Padlock for the closet approx. 4 mm in diameter | |
| 1 cup/mug and cutlery for the room | |
| Perhaps an alarm clock as your phone may be unreliable or not available | |
| Personal: | |
| Passport | |
| Health insurance cards (yellow and blue, and vaccinations card) | |
| 3-4 towels and flannel | |
| Toilet bag | |
| Swim wear | |
| Windbreaker, warm clothes and the like | |
| Practical shoes and wellies | |
| Indoor/outdoor trainers | |
| Rain clothes | |
| Indoor/outdoor training clothes | |
| Clothes for practical purposes/cleaning | |
| Optional: Bike + bike helmet Remember to put your name and student no. on your items | |
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NB! This is a standard checklist, and you should expect additional expenses/shopping in relation to gear in profile subjects and travels (sleeping bag, backpacks or the like).

We recommend that you borrow the necessary gear or buy quality 2nd hand rather than new and cheap.

For international students, please note that the full host package may provide some of the things on the list and former international students may have donated some things as well.