

Important information about the 1st school day after the lock-down period

Dear Parents,

We are all very excited to welcome all school children back to our school on Monday, 03/08/2021. Since we changed classrooms in fall to allow for 1.5m distance between all seats, all school children will be able to attend school each day according to the attached schedule.

Just as in the fall, our school doors will open in the morning at **7:45 am**. The children are asked to line up at the respective entrances.

To make sure that our school starts well, please have a look at the following important information:

- **Seperate entrances for each class**

As before, the first grade enters their classroom in the dining hall via the garden entrance/exit. Here the students have direct access to their wardrobe.

NEW: From now on, the second grade enters the school building via the main entrance. The wardrobe is located in the hallway next to the classroom (workroom) and has been swapped with the 3rd grade. This way we reduce unnecessary encounters in the corridors.

NEW: The third grade enters the building through the original second grade garden entrance/exit and uses their wardrobe from now on. They can then enter their classroom through the former 2nd grade classroom and the main staircase.

The fourth grade enters the domed hall, which continues to serve as a classroom, through the associated separate entrance.

Mandatory wearing of masks throughout the school building

NEW: Masks are mandatory throughout the school building, including at the seating places. The teaching staff wears medical masks, these are not a must for the children, but it is advised. Therefore, we ask you to provide your child with sufficient child-sized masks. Medical masks for adults should not be used for the children.

- **Distance regulation/hygiene in everyday school life**

Just as in the fall, we make sure to wash our hands regularly as well as maintain distance in the class community. Please discuss the importance/adherence to these hygiene measures with your child.

- **Incidence rate above 100**

Important: If the 7-day incidence rate rises above 100 in a week of face-to-face instruction, classes will may resume on the following day via MS Teams for distance instruction. In distance learning, mandatory classes will resume as early as 8:00/9:00 the next morning, as well as voluntary debriefing in the afternoon. Here we are subject to the instruction of the school board

- **Meal order**

Our food supplier "Im Gärtlein" requires a one-week lead time. **Therefore, we cannot offer a meal during the first week of school for those children who have not yet been in emergency care.** Please provide your child with enough snacks or a hot meal in a thermo container. We cannot heat food for every child. For the second week, meals can be booked again.

Important: If the incidence rate rises above 100, the school must close at short notice. **However, the ordered lunch must also be paid for the days on which no more attendance classes may take place.** It is not possible to cancel the lunch at such short notice with the supplier. Please take this into account when ordering your lunch!

- **Physical education**

Currently, we are not able to offer physical education classes in a gymnasium in Bayreuth. Our gymnasium is currently being used as a vaccination center and we are looking for a new gym. In spring, if physical education is allowed by the Ministry of Education, we will be back on the BTS field for athletics and to prepare for the Federal Youth Games. Until then, we will be using our garden as well as the adjacent forest for walks and outdoor sports exercises.

- **Online music lessons**

As you learned from the last parent letter, Mrs. Molinari is having a baby. Due to the high risk of infection, it is difficult to use Mrs. Molinari in face-to-face classes. However, she would like to continue to support us until her maternity leave and we have decided to transfer Mrs. Molinari from home into the classroom online during music class. Mr. Myers will supervise the class on site during the lessons.

- **Bus shuttle**

The bus shuttle in the morning starts on the 1st school day of attendance classes in the usual way. If the school closes at short notice, there will be no charge for that day. Thus, the bus fee may vary somewhat. Should there be normal classes before and after the Easter vacations, the flat rate also counts for the vacations, as the costs have been projected for a school year. After the Easter vacations, the flat rate for the shuttle must also be paid for the days on which the shuttle will not run due to Corona school closures. Only a 30% reduction can be considered here for the days not run

- **Material packages**

At this point in time it is not yet certain whether the face-to-face classes can take place. Therefore, your children will receive a material package as a precaution. If distance learning takes place next week, your children will have the materials at home. **In case of face-to-face classes, please give your child the materials to take to school.** We will use them in any case, no matter what kind of lessons will take place.

- **We welcome our new school team member**

To support our on-site team, we welcome Mrs. Anja Meier, who is known to some parents from last school year as a substitute teacher for Mrs. Riede. Mrs. Meier will take over the individual remedial teaching on site. We are very happy to welcome Mrs. Meier to our team.

- **Afternoon care**

Unfortunately, no courses can be held in the afternoon due to current regulations. The children who attend the afternoon care will continue to be offered a daily joint activity.

With kind regards



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