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Dear parents,

I hope you had a relaxing vacation with your child.

We are now very much looking forward to welcoming your children back to school as of Wednesday as well as the newcomers on Thursday in the context of a small enrollment ceremony.

With this school year we also welcome Mrs. Michaela Schneider as a new colleague at our school. She will take over class 1a and will initially expand the school management team as a provisional vice-principal. I am looking forward to a good cooperation with her!

Unfortunately, we are starting this school year again under the influence of the Corona pandemic. This means that everyday school life will continue to be ruled by our hygiene concept and other requirements.

Below I would like to provide you with some important information:

First week of school

On the first three days of school, classes will be held with the class teacher. School ends after the 4th class for all children on these days.

Classes

We start the new school year in the same way as we finished the last one, i.e. in continuous attendance classes. Classes are held in all subjects for the full number of hours.

If the incidence is stable and low, sport class, including swimming lessons, will also be held. Thus, in the first half of the year, the classes of the 4th grade and in the second half of the year, the classes of the 3rd grade will receive swimming lessons. A separate letter will be sent to the affected classes. Contact sports may only be done outdoors for the time being. Outdoor sport class will be held without masks. For indoor sports, the mask requirement will continue for the time being unless the minimum distance can be kept.

Special music activities such as singing as well as making music with wind instruments will

probably be possible again outdoors. Their implementation in the classrooms will depend on the incidence level.

More detailed information about the schedule will be provided by the class teachers. This will be valid from 23.08.2021.

Testing

Pool testing twice a week will continue.

All classes will be tested on the 1st day of school. First graders will not be included in the testing rhythm until the first full week of school.

Thus, beginning in the 34th calendar week (23 August), the following testing days will again apply:

Grades 1 and 2: Mondays and Wednesdays

Grades 3 and 4: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Unfortunately, the PCR lollipop tests that were given to your children last school year will need to be re-registered by you for this school year at www.schultestung.nrw. I ask that you do the registration promptly. Then, if the worst comes to the worst, you will not have to do it for the retest. When registering, please note that the ten digit number below the barcode is the "order number"(Auftragsnummer). The security code (Sicherheitscode) is the three letters on the right side of the barcode.

Of course, you can still request a test certificate for your child from the class teacher. For this purpose, the state NRW provides that the children enter the required personal data on the form themselves and the class teachers then only have to sign it. In order to keep the organizational effort for us as a school as low as possible and still allow the children a lot of class time, I ask you to always give the lower section attached to this letter to your child **on the issue days** for which you would like apply for a certificate. Please fill it out in such a way that it can serve as a transcript for your child, if necessary. Your child will then need to present this to the class teacher in the morning during open start.

Please use the section below to do this and give it to your child to fill out and bring to school on that day.

Open Start

In order to avoid group mixtures as far as possible before the start of the lessons, the open start will also take place during the continuous attendance lessons at the following times:

Grades 3 and 4: Between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Classes 1 and 2: Between 8.00 a.m. and 8.15 a.m.

Classes for grades 1 and 2 end at 11:45 a.m. (12:30 p.m. on Fridays for grades 2), and those for grades 3 and 4 end as scheduled.

Children use the gates to the school as in the last school year.

Courtyard breaks

In order to continue to reduce contact during yard breaks, we will - in addition to maintaining staggered breaks for grades 1/2 and 3/4 - continue to divide the school yard into two areas for the time being. Each area will then be used by only one grade level. Mask will no longer be required in the schoolyard.

Mask breaks

Masks will continue to be required in the entire school building and therefore also in class. During the breakfast break, the children are allowed to take off their masks. In addition, we will continue to allow the children to take short mask breaks, i.e. they may, if necessary and after consultation with the teacher, take a breath of fresh air individually during the lesson at the open window or door without a mask. In doing so, the minimum distance to other persons must be maintained.

Tracing of infection chains

The tracing of infection chains must also continue to be ensured, therefore parents and other persons may only enter the school premises after registration (with the class teacher, the secretary or the school management) and for parents' evenings and committee activities. A so-called "3G" certificate (Vaccinated, tested or recovered) is also required for this purpose. They will then be recorded in writing at the school. The documentation must be kept for four weeks. We therefore ask you to see your child off at the school gate at the latest.

In order to maintain hygiene standards outside the school grounds, I ask that you arrange a meeting point with your child near the school gates for pick up.

We had hoped to start this school year with a less strict hygiene concept. Unfortunately, the rising infection numbers, as well as the renewed uncertainty of what decisions the Health Department of the City Government will make in the event of a positive test, do not allow for this now. Our top priority is to avoid unnecessary quarantine cases and to allow the children to have as continuous a school life as possible.

Office hours

Our school secretary, Mrs. Pfennig, is from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at school. You can reach her at 77-7923 or at sekretariat@donatusschule.de.

You can reach me at the same number or at info@donatusschule.de.

If the office is ever unoccupied, please don't hesitate to leave a message on the answering machine and we will call you back!

Excuses in case of illness

We ask that you excuse your child in the appropriate manner in the event of illness or other necessary absence from class. The written excuse must be received by the school no later than the 3rd day of absence.

In addition, please report the day of absence by phone (77-7923) by 7:45 a.m. in the morning so that we can be sure that your child is actually home and not lost on the way. In the case of foreseeable illness lasting several days, there is no need to call on the following days.

We think that this is also in your interest. Thank you very much!

Calender of school year 2021/2022

Vacation dates

Autumn break 2021	11.10.2021 to 22.10.2021
Christmas vocation 2021/2022	24.12.2021 to 07.01.2022
Easter vocation 2022	11.04.2022 to 22.04.2022
Summer break 2022	27.06.2022 to 09.08.2022

If the vacations start with a weekend, all grades have 4 classes on Friday. If the vacations start on another day of the week, classes will be held on the last day of school according to the schedule.

I would like to remind you that a leave of absence directly before or after the vacations must be applied as early as possible. The leave is only possible after approval by the school management in exceptional cases.

Cheap flights are not an argument!

Leave of absence from individual lessons is granted by the respective teacher, leave of absence of up to three days is granted by the class teacher.

School holidays

Monday, 28.02.22	School holiday (Beweglicher Ferientag) (Rosenmontag)
Friday, 27.05.22	School holiday (Beweglicher Ferientag) (Thursday after Ascension Day)
Friday, 17.06.22	School holiday (Beweglicher Ferientag) (Thursday after Corpus Christi)
Friday, 25.02.22	Carnival Friday; compensation day for Saturday, 26.03.22 (project day) - with the proviso that the project week can take place!

I am always happy to answer any questions you may have. Despite further restrictions, I wish you and your children a good and healthy start to the new school year and hope that we will also spend this school year well and as far as possible without quarantine cases.

Stay healthy and confident!

With kind regards

Uta Becker

Principal

I hereby request a test certificate for my child for the following day:

Name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Date of issue:

Thank you.

Signature of legal guardian(s)