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Return to school from 17.05.2021

Dear parents,

Over four weeks of the distance learning are behind us. We are all very excited to welcome your children back to school for rotating class beginning **next Monday, May 17th, 2021**. As announced in the last parent letter, the children in the "Moon Group" will begin their first attendance day on Monday.

Testing

Children at our school will now be tested for Corona virus using a "Lolli Test", a PCR-test, twice a week in their group. The lollipop test is simple and age-appropriate to use: children suck on a swab for 30 seconds. The swabs from all the children in the learning group are pooled in a collection vessel and analyzed as an anonymous pooled sample (known as a "pool") on the same day in a laboratory using the PCR method. This method ensures a very reliable test result. In addition, a possible infection can be detected much earlier by a PCR test than by a rapid test, so that the risk of infection is also detected timely.

The regulations in the event of non-participation in testing at school remain unaffected by the new testing procedure. Staff will continue to test themselves with the antigen rapid tests.

Here are answers to the most important questions about this procedure:

What are the advantages of the Lolli test?

This test is simple and very quick to use. It helps all of us to better control the incidence of infections and at the same time gives us all the greatest possible security for learning at school. Thus, hopefully, we will quickly return to regular school operations. In addition, data protection will also be taken into account to a greater extent.

How often are the children tested?

The children are tested twice a week. Testing will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays.

What happens if a pool test is negative?

A negative pool test means that no child in the tested group tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. In this case, there is no response from the school. Rotating instruction will continue as scheduled for the learning group.

What happens if a pool test is positive?

This means that at least one person in the pool group has tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. In this case, the laboratory will notify the school. It is quite possible that the laboratory will not notify the school of a positive result until early morning on the next day. In this case, individual tests must now be carried out to identify which child is infected.

The school will inform the contact person of each learning group. The parents of the affected learning group will be informed by the contact person via the group-internal messenger service and asked to test their child at home and to bring in the individual test to the school not later than 8:30 am.

If the following day is a holiday, testing will take place on the following school day. For more information on the testing schedule, please see the flyer attached.

In the event that individual testing is necessary, each child will receive the test kit to bring home on their first day of attendance at school purely as a precaution.

The lab will not inform the school of the results of the individual tests.

When can my child return to school after a positive pool test?

First, the individual tests must be performed. Only after a negative result of the individual test may your child return to school/emergency care. However, it is possible that the health department may decide to take other action as part of contact tracing despite a negative test.

What happens if families miss the individual test or bring it in late to the school?

We must clearly inform you that in this case, you as parents are required to contact your family physician or pediatrician to arrange for a PCR test. In this case, you will not be able to participate in the school's attendance classes or childcare services until you have submitted a negative PCR test result.

You can always visit the website <https://www.schulministerium.nrw/animiertes-erklaervideo-zum-lolli-test> (also available in English and many other languages) for more information on this topic.

Emergency care

We will continue to provide emergency care for children who cannot be cared at home on the days of the distance learning. If needed, please register your child using the attached registration form and please mail it to me at info@donatusschule.de no later than Friday, 14.05.2021.

The offer is available to children with an OGS or care contract during the normal care times. Children without an OGS or childcare contract can make use of the emergency care during school hours.

Due to the registration deadlines for emergency group care, it is not possible to order meals for OGS children in these groups. Therefore, please also provide your children with a midday

snack. Thank you very much for this!

Should you need to change your caring time from the next week, I kindly ask you to always inform me weekly by 12:00 noon on Thursdays at the latest for the new week by e-mail to info@donatusschule.de. It is not necessary to fill out the registration form again!

If your child needs care for the first time in the coming weeks, please register your child for the new week by emailing info@donatusschule.de with the registration form by 12:00 noon on Thursdays at the latest.

Care after school hours

The OGS and Lückenbrücke offerings will continue to be non-regular. The children who need care on the days of the presence class at their usual care times are cared for together in their learning groups after the end of lessons until 4:00 p.m. by OGS staff. After 4:00 p.m., they are grouped together with the children of the parallel class for care until 4:30 p.m. For the pick-up situation, you can reach the OGS staff on the group cell phones.

During OGS care on attendance days, the children receive a hot lunch. For organizational reasons, it is not possible to check attendance at afternoon care on a daily basis. Children who do not participate in the OGS care despite attendance will be given their lunch to take home.

Current traffic situation

Due to the closure of Mittelstraße towards the city center between the intersection of Mittelstraße/Wurzerstraße and the intersection of Mittelstraße/Donatusstraße, there is a high volume of traffic around the school grounds due to the detour. Sibyllenstraße, Donatusstraße and Leonadusstraße will be particularly affected. Please make your children aware of the situation and always remind them to observe safe traffic behavior when coming to school alone.

I look forward to welcoming your children back to school starting next week and I am sure we will all continue to do well through the rest of the school year.

Stay healthy and confident!

With kind regards



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