

Dear parents!

The Corona pandemic continues to dominate our daily lives. However, we want to offer as much face-to-face teaching at our schools as possible in the school year 2020/21. We will start **Corona-school operation** after the summer holidays. This means that lessons will again be held according to the timetables and subject requirements, but under pandemic conditions.

In order for us to succeed in this together, we also need your help.

With this information we would like to inform you about the planned procedure of school operation and at the same time ask you to talk to your children about the new rules. Please take 10 minutes of your time for this - for the health of your child and for the health of others. It does not take longer than that.

### **In principle, the following applies**

On the way to school, in school and after school, the rules of the federal state regulation for the control of the coronavirus continue to apply, including the hygiene rules, which we have all been practising since spring: Following distancing rules, cough-sneezing etiquette and frequent hand washing.

The most important rule is: **Your child must not go to school if he or she is ill or shows even slight flu symptoms** - this has always been applied, but is now of utmost importance. Especially in autumn, colds are very common. Only children who do not have any symptoms of illness or who can provide a medical certificate that their symptoms have another cause (e.g. an allergy) should come to school.

If there is a **particular health risk** for your child, please discuss this with the class teacher.

Please also follow the current **rules on quarantine and corona tests** for returning travellers, especially if you have been to high-risk areas with your children. At the slightest sign of illness, even if you were not travelling in a risk area, you should seek medical advice and, if necessary, be tested.

Please read the enclosed **instructions** and confirm this with your signature. Give the signed instruction to your child in the first week of school.

### **The cohort principle**

In the new school year, teaching will be organised in **cohorts**. Cohorts are groups formed by the schools according to certain criteria and are usually larger than a class group.

This means that **pupils who are taught together in classes, in courses or in the full-day programme** or who do activities together form a cohort. In the cohort, the distancing rules among the pupils do not apply. The school will inform you in good time which cohort your child belongs to.

Through the cohort rules, any possible **occurrence of infection in the school is limited** and traceable **from the beginning**. Should a corona infection or suspected case of corona occur within a cohort, not the whole school would be affected, but only this cohort.

However, especially in the first two weeks after returning from vacation, a newly formed cohort may not yet provide sufficient protection.

The Ministry of Education therefore **expresses an URGENT RECOMMENDATION to wear a mouth-and-nose cover during the first two weeks of school. This recommendation also applies explicitly to lessons. For grades 1 to 6, lessons are exempt from the urgent recommendation to wear a mouth-and-nose cover.**

**For the walkways in the school, the break rooms and the schoolyard, the urgent recommendation to wear a mouth-and-nose cover is also valid beyond these two weeks in all grades.**

If your child is not allowed to wear a mouth-and-nose cover for medical reasons, please inform yourself about alternatives such as a face shield.

### **Before school**

Even if many limitations are no longer as present as they were at the beginning of the crisis, we must all continue to protect ourselves and all those around us. Therefore, education is very important. **Remind the rules of hygiene, the cough and sneeze etiquette and point out how important it is to keep distance, for example when waiting at the bus stop.**

The school will inform you about the related rules in advance. This also includes, for example, whether school hours have changed, which entrances should be used and whether routes through the school have changed.

A mouth-and-nose cover should be worn on the way to school. **On school buses and public transport, a mouth-and-nose cover must be worn as long as the mask is compulsory.**

### **At school**

Same care is also important at school. The distance to all teachers and all other employees at school must be maintained at all times. In the corridors, in the canteen and in the breaks, the **social distancing rules** between all students still apply. Only between pupils belonging to the same cohort these rules do not apply.

**Encourage your child to contact the class teacher if he or she has any questions.**

School in the **Corona-school operation** will not be quite the same as you and your child are used to. There may be changes in the schedule, and sports and music lessons may not yet take place as usual. If you have any questions about this, please contact the respective class teacher.

### **After School**

Stay alert even after school. If your child shows cold symptoms, please contact your family doctor and report to your school.

Please make sure that your children have close contact only with classmates of their cohort. **Distancing rules to all other classmates must still be observed.**

For further information: [https://www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Landesregierung/III/startseite/Artikel\\_2020/06\\_Juni/200623\\_fahrplan\\_schuljahr\\_2020\\_2021.html](https://www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Landesregierung/III/startseite/Artikel_2020/06_Juni/200623_fahrplan_schuljahr_2020_2021.html)



### **Five steps to a healthy school!**

- 1. Your child must not go to school if he or she is ill or shows even slight flu symptoms.**
- 2. Remind your child of the hygiene rules, the cough-sneezing etiquette and point out how important it is to keep distance, for example when waiting at the bus stop.**
- 3. On school buses and public transport, your child must wear a mouth- and-nose covering mask as long as the masks are compulsory.**
- 4. Encourage your child to ask the class teacher if he or she has any questions.**
- 5. Your child must observe the distancing rules to classmates outside his or her own cohort.**

Please always follow the national regulation for combating the coronavirus. This and further information can be found on the web pages of the state government on the Internet.

For further information: [www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Schwerpunkte/Coronavirus/Erlasse/200715\\_Landesverordnung\\_Corona\\_Lesefassung.html](http://www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Schwerpunkte/Coronavirus/Erlasse/200715_Landesverordnung_Corona_Lesefassung.html)

