



## Gaesdonck Parents letter

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Dear Gaesdonck families

we look forward to seeing our students again on Sunday evening or Monday after two weeks of holidays and hope that you had despite the general situation a good time in your families. Surely you have followed it in the media: Also in the district of Kleve, the number of Covid-19 infections has risen again in the last two weeks. Therefore, **special protection and hygiene regulations** apply for the return to the boarding school and our entire teaching schedule after the autumn holidays. Last but not least, the Ministry of Education has set much stricter conditions for school operations, about which we would like to inform you here.

### Face-Mask obligation and increased ventilation

From Monday onwards, there is again a **permanent obligation to wear a mouth-nose-cover**, even during lessons at a fixed seat. We are already familiar with this situation from the two weeks directly after the summer holidays and are sure that our students will cope well with it again. Please give your children several masks at a time so that they can change them if they become soaked.

A new aspect of school life will be **frequent airing**. We will follow the instructions of the Ministry of Education and will carry out shock ventilation in all classrooms at 20 minute intervals and during breaks. In addition, we will keep the outside doors of the school buildings permanently open so that the corridors are always well ventilated. **This will result in significantly cooler temperatures, so please make sure that your children are appropriately dressed!**

Until further notice - in any case during the whole first week after the holidays - the obligation to wear a mouth-nose-cover **also applies in the house communities for our boarding and day boarding students** during the whole afternoon until 6.30 pm. After dinner, the compulsory wearing of masks can be waived for full boarding students within the own house.

### Fixed room allocation

During the autumn holidays, the timetable team optimised the timetable once again with regard to room allocations. We have decided to **allocate largely fixed rooms to the classes** of the lower secondary level, which are adapted to the class size. WebUntis will be updated to this effect at the weekend, otherwise the new rooms can be seen on the screens on Monday morning.

### No participation in classes and day boarding school in case of cold symptoms

We also ask you not to send your child with **cold symptoms** to school. We also ask you to contact the class teacher if a Corona case occurs in the extended home environment and to coordinate your child's school attendance. You can find a recommendation for action in the diagram published by the Ministry

of Education, which you will find in the appendix at the end of this letter to parents. It is also available at

<https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/themen/schulsystem/elterninfo-wenn-mein-kind-zuhause-erkrankt-handlungsempfehlung> (in German only)

If your child is attending Gaesdonck in the form of a day boarding, please always inform the responsible head of the house of any illnesses or contact cases.

Full boarding students should report any cold symptoms to the infirmary, which coordinates all further steps.

### **No participation in classes due to a quarantine order**

If your child has to be quarantined for a fixed period of time, please inform us immediately by e-mail to [poststelle@gaesdonck.de](mailto:poststelle@gaesdonck.de), the class teacher and if applicable the head of the house. Your child will be provided with materials during the quarantine period. Please note Moodle and Teams.

Any quarantine arrangements for full boarding school pupils are coordinated by the infirmary in cooperation with the boarding school management.

Cancellation of lessons due to a quarantine order does not constitute a breach of compulsory school attendance. However, any services not rendered (class tests, examinations) must be made up for in accordance with the general regulations.

### **Return to the boarding houses**

Regarding the re-entry to the boarding houses (coming from within Germany), we continue to adhere to the procedure that has been tried and tested since the summer holidays: re-arrival on 25 October is only possible if the pupil does not show any cold symptoms and the arrival form is completely filled out.

Please note the following special procedure for **arrival on Sunday**:

- Arrival time is between 18.00 and 20.00 hours.
- Arrival is only possible via the main car park.
- Please register your child again BEFORE entering the campus at the administration. Please hand in the arrival form there. At the same time the first temperature screening will be carried out there. Please only enter the administration building individually or as a family and keep a minimum distance of 1.5m to other people.
- It is possible to enter the campus, for example to deliver heavy luggage. Please do not accompany your children into the houses.
- If you need to talk to the educators, please contact them by telephone.

**Day boarding students** should hand in the completed arrival form to their teachers during office hours on Monday. The first temperature screening will then be carried out there.

Upcoming parent meetings at the boarding school will be organised by the responsible educators in accordance with the hygiene regulations relevant to the size of the group.

In order to ensure a safe and controlled environment for our students in the boarding school and day school in the first days after their return home and to avoid mixing of individual groups of students, we will **not offer campus activities** in the first week. In both forms of attendance we will also conduct **daily temperature screenings** in the first days after the holidays.

(As before the holidays, to ensure data protection, both the arrival forms and the temperature measurement records will be destroyed 21 days after the survey).

### **Reminder: Return from risk areas during the autumn holidays**

For all students who spent the autumn holidays in a risk area defined by the RKI, the associated entry regulations from abroad to Germany apply equally. The current list can be found at [www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete](http://www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete) (in German only).

The Corona Entry Regulation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia in the version valid from 7 October 2020 stipulates that any stay in a risk area of more than 24 hours must be reported to the competent health authorities. After re-entry into the Federal Republic of Germany, a domestic quarantine obligation of 14 days applies, unless a negative test result can be proven, which must not be older than 48 hours at re-entry.

It goes without saying that school attendance is not possible during this quarantine period. Therefore, pursuant to § 48 (2) of the NRW School Act, the school must also be informed immediately about stays abroad in risk areas during the holidays. (See above)

Detailed information from the NRW State Ministry of Education can be found in the [\[here\]](#) linked information sheet.

### **Reminder: Currently no cross-border excursions to Siebengewald possible**

The RKI has now classified the whole of the Netherlands as a risk area. Until further notice, our students are therefore not allowed to go on excursions to our neighbouring Dutch municipality.

### **Reminder: Special school bus timetable**

In order to continue to provide additional space for all bus students during the bus trip, we will continue to operate additional buses after the autumn holidays. The special timetable will therefore remain unchanged after the autumn holidays until the Christmas holidays. Download it [\[here\]](#).

### **Here we go again!**

It will probably be a long time before life at our boarding school can get back to "normal". We miss the casual, "unmasked" exchange with your children, our pupils.

At the same time we notice that the time before the summer holidays, when there were no lessons, left some gaps in our knowledge which now need to be filled. We will therefore do everything in our power to make it possible for our students to have a real face-to-face classroom experience! If masks and cooler temperatures in the classroom are the price we have to pay at the moment, then we will accept this price.

With this in mind, we wish you and all of us a good, healthy start to this special autumn. **We will get it right!**

With kind regards from Gaesdonck campus

**Dr. Markus Oberdörster**  
Director

**Doris Mann**  
Headmistress

**Michael Gysbers**  
Head of boarding houses



## Elterninfo: wenn mein Kind zu Hause erkrankt

„Vor Betreten der Schule, also bereits im Elternhaus, muss abgeklärt werden, dass die Schülerinnen und Schüler keine Symptome einer COVID-19-Erkrankung aufweisen. Sollten entsprechende Symptome vorliegen, ist die individuelle ärztliche Abklärung vorrangig und die Schule zunächst nicht zu betreten.“

Kind hat Schnupfen; keine weiteren Symptome

Kind bleibt für 24 Stunden zur Beobachtung zu Hause  
Benachrichtigung der Schule!

Nach 24 Stunden keine zusätzlichen Symptome wie Fieber oder Husten

Schulbesuch möglich

Nach 24 Stunden zusätzliche Symptome

Ihr Kind zeigt eines oder mehrere dieser Erkrankungssymptome:  
trockener Husten,  
Fieber,  
Kurzatmigkeit,  
Verlust des Geruchs-/ Geschmackssinns,  
Schnupfen mit Halsschmerzen oder Kopf- und Gliederschmerzen, allgemeine Schwäche

Benachrichtigung der Schule!

Setzen Sie sich telefonisch mit Ihrem Arzt oder Kinderarzt in Verbindung  
oder wählen Sie die Nummer des ärztlichen Bereitschaftsdienstes 116 117

Der Arzt / die Ärztin entscheidet über einen Test auf das Coronavirus.

Bei negativem Testergebnis

Kein Test:  
den ärztlichen Anweisungen folgen

Bei positivem Testergebnis muss Ihr Kind zu Hause bleiben. Bitte befolgen Sie die Anweisungen des zuständigen Gesundheitsamtes.

Diese Regelungen gelten nicht für diagnostizierte oder im Einzelfall bei Eltern oder Schule bekannte, nicht-infektiöse chronische Erkrankungen wie beispielsweise Asthma, Allergien, Heuschnupfen oder Neurodermitis.