



Gaesdonck Parents Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers, dear parents,

From what we can see and judge from the campus, the first days of distance learning have started quite well. We wish all the students involved as well as the teachers much success and, where necessary, serenity and perseverance.

Boarding school life also swings into a kind of normality under the special circumstances and with an unusual daily structure. Good conditions, therefore, to discuss a next arrival date:



Next arrival for boarding houses

Next Sunday, 17.01.2021 is the next arrival opportunity for boarding students. We have already explained the special hygienic requirements and general conditions in the [parents letter no. 25](#) of 07.01.2021.

An essential element of boarding school safety are two successive rapid tests.

If the initial test on arrival is negative, the student can enter the campus and move around freely. During the first 5 days, newly arrived students are permanently obliged to wear a mouth-nose-covering (MNB) and to keep their distance. Visiting each other in the room is not possible.

If the follow-up test is also negative after 5 days, the student is considered to have been cleared. This means that he/she can move freely on the premises as part of the house community without further restrictions (without distance and without mask).

The rapid tests are organised in cooperation with local medical practices directly on the Gaesdonck campus and are carried out by qualified medical staff. For each test, € 39 is charged to the parents' account.

Please note the following procedure for **arrival on Sunday, 17.01.2021**:

- Arrival is **between 6 pm and 7 pm**.

- Access is only possible via the main car park.
- Please go to the music school first upon arrival. The first quick test will be carried out there. Then wait in the car park until the test result is available. (approx. 15 minutes)
- If the test result is negative, please register your child at the administration office. Please hand in the test certificate and the completed arrival form there. Please enter both the music school and the administration as usual only individually or as a small family and keep a minimum distance of 1.5m from other persons.
- After registration, please say goodbye to your child. Unfortunately, it is currently not possible for parents to enter the campus.

Please keep to the above times. There is no doctor on campus for testing after 7 pm!

For planning purposes, we kindly ask you to send us your feedback by Friday evening at 6.00 p.m. directly by e-mail to the boarding school director at gysbers@gaesdonck.de.

The next arrival opportunity is expected to be on Sunday, 24.01.2021.

Reimbursement of costs for day boarding students and external upper school students

While our full boarding students have had access to full range of boarding activities such as study times, campus services and leisure activities since Monday of this week, the offers for day boarding students and the external students are fully dependent on availability of face-to-face teaching. For students in these two forms of attendance, there is therefore currently neither care nor catering available.

Therefore, we would like to offer affected parents the same billing model for the month of January, which was already agreed with the two chairpersons of the boarding school committee for the first lockdown after the Easter holidays of the previous school year:

The parental contributions for the respective forms of attendance are made up of three items - in different weightings: the care costs, the catering costs and the accommodation costs. This split is the basis for all parents who wish to claim the day boarding school costs for tax purposes and has been checked and determined by the Kleve tax office. All three items consist of variable costs (purchase, food, etc.) and personnel costs. The item "accommodation costs" includes all elements of building maintenance, cleaning, energy costs, etc. (i.e. the "room costs", so to speak). The item "accommodation costs" includes all elements of building maintenance, cleaning, energy costs, etc. (i.e. the "room rent", so to speak), which for the most part are incurred regardless of the use.

Together with the parents' representatives, we agreed at the time to reimburse 100% of the costs for care and catering for the time of the lockdown. The personnel costs incurred, and thus the largest share, will be borne by the Collegium Augustinianum Gaesdonck Foundation. With regard to the accommodation costs, we will reimburse 1/3 of the shares for the variable costs (energy, water, etc.). This results in the following calculation:

	Cost type	Weighting	Cost share	Refund %	Reimbursement
a) Day boarding	Support	26,97%	148,34 €	100%	148,34 €
	Catering	18,29%	100,60 €	100%	100,35 €
	Accommodation	54,74%	301,07 €	33%	99,35 €
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b) Upper School Ext.	Support	25,99%	42,36 €	100%	42,36 €
	Catering	35,49%	57,85 €	100%	57,85 €
	Accommodation	38,52%	62,80 €	33%	20,73 €
			159,00 €		120,94 €

This refund will be offset retroactively for January with the collection of the month of February. We will determine any refunds for subsequent months – if necessary – depending on current developments.

We hope you will find this approach fair and supportive.

At the same time, we again ask for the same solidarity from your side, so that at the end of this crisis we can once again work together in the proven way to ensure an excellent education for your children. During the first lockdown, the parents' representatives of the boarding school called for the refunded amount or parts of it to be returned as a donation to our scholarship foundation (IBAN DE12 4006 0265 0002 0458 02). We are more than happy to take up this suggestion again this time. If you would like to help, we will be happy to issue a donation receipt!

Emergency care

As before, all parents are called upon to look after their children at home – as far as possible – in order to make a contribution to reducing contact. However, if this is not possible for you, we will of course continue to offer **emergency care for the pupils of the Sexta and the Quinta**. For pupils of the day boarding school, this also extends to the afternoons if required. For reasons of planning security, we would like to ask you once again to notify us of any childcare that may be required by sending an e-mail to poststelle@gaesdonck.de by Friday 18.00 hrs for the following week using the form linked [here](#). Should a short-term need arise after this deadline, we will certainly find a solution. Please provide your children with work materials and – if available – a terminal device to participate in the digital lessons. (A limited number of laptops are available.)

Please note that the buses do not run during the times of suspended face-to-face classes.

Please stay healthy! Yours sincerely from the Gaesdonck Campus

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