



# Gaesdonck Parents Letter

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05.02.2021

Dear Gaesdonckers, dear parents,



*I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new headmistress. I took over from Doris Mann on 1 February 2021. The first week has already passed and I will remember the warm welcome I received from the Gaesdonck community and many constructive conversations.*

*I am very much looking forward to working with you and to meet you "live" when the circumstances allow it again. Of course, we don't have to wait that long to get to know each other. Until then, there are many other ways of communication available to us. I look forward to the exchange with you.*

Yours  
*Sabine Schleede-Schmalz*

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## Outlook Carnival Weekend

It is still largely unclear how school lessons will be organised from the middle of this month. Further scheduling in the month of February will depend on the announcements of the Ministry of Education on the Corona Protection Ordinance, which we expect next week on Friday.

For the upcoming carnival weekend, we are largely sticking to our original annual planning: The variable holidays scheduled for **Friday, 12 February, Rose Monday, 15 February and Shrove Tuesday, 16 February 2021, will remain as planned - no lessons will take place** on these days. The originally planned pedagogical day on **Thursday, 11 February 2021, however, will be cancelled.** On this day, **"normal" distance teaching will take place up to and including the 6th lesson.**

Classes will resume on Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021, in accordance with the Ministry's regulations in force at that time. No one can say with certainty what form this will take - we are preparing ourselves as a school for all eventualities and will keep you informed.

For our boarding students, this means that the long home weekend begins on Thursday after the 6th hour. Everyone is free to travel home earlier, but of course participation in the distance teaching is obligatory in this case as well.

We anticipate that arrival **at the boarding houses** will take place **between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, 16.02.2021**. The arrival - should it come to that - is in any case binding for all those year groups for which attendance classes begin again after carnival.

For planning purposes, we kindly ask you to send us your feedback by Monday, 15.02.2021 at 6.00 p.m. directly by e-mail to the boarding school director at [gysbers@gaesdonck.de](mailto:gysbers@gaesdonck.de).

### **Next arrival possibility**

Despite the short following week, it will still be possible for boarding students to arrive on **Sunday, 05.02.2021 at 18.00 hrs**. The procedure described in the [parents letter no. 25](#) of 07.01.2021 still applies. Please adhere to the above-mentioned time. No doctor will be on campus for the first test after 6 p.m.!

For planning purposes, we kindly ask you to register directly by e-mail to Mr Gysbers until 6.00 p.m. on Saturday evening at [gysbers@gaesdonck.de](mailto:gysbers@gaesdonck.de).

### **Reminder: Emergency care**

Also next week we will continue to offer **emergency care** for the students of Years 5 and 6. For day boarding students, 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 a possible need for childcare by e-mail to [poststelle@gaesdonck.de](mailto:poststelle@gaesdonck.de) by 6 p.m. on Friday for the following week. Should a need arise after this deadline, we will certainly find a solution. Please provide your children with work materials for emergency care and - if available - a device for participation in 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.

Also at the end of this letter to parents, our wish is: **Please take care of yourself and stay healthy!**

Yours sincerely from the Gaesdonck Campus

Dr Markus Oberdörster  
Director

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz  
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers  
Head of Boarding School

## Randa Summer 2021 - The mountain is calling!



We are optimistically planning to hold our traditional Gaesdoncker Mountain retreat in Switzerland this year. Due to the very high demand and a Corona-related reduction in the size of the group, we will split the activity into two groups this year:

Group 1:

**Year 5 to 9** 10.07.- 25.07.2021

Group 2:

**Year 10 to 13** 26.07.-14.08.2021

Do you fancy an exciting adventure holiday with your friends? Then you've come to the right place. At our mountain hut in Randa there is something new to experience every day. The "Augustinushütte" at the foot of the impressive Weißhorn in the midst of numerous other well-known alpine peaks is the starting point for many exciting tours. From sporty and demanding tours to gas cooker gourmet tours and overnight stays in the open air, there is something for everyone.

There will also be a varied programme alongside the tours. This includes, for example, excursions to the thermal and leisure pool, action days at the hut and trips to via ferrata. The tours are guided and planned according to the requirements and abilities of the participants. The mountain retreat is therefore equally suitable for experienced and inexperienced hikers.

Registrations and further information can be requested by e-mail from Mr Behet:  
[behet@gaesdonck.de](mailto:behet@gaesdonck.de).

With alpine greetings

Dominik Behet

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## Thank you very much!

A big thank you to the Dr. Theuerkauf family, parents of a student from Korschenbroich, for their generous donation of 400 FFP2 masks.

It is very fortunate that we can rely on the mutual solidarity of the Gaesdoncke community even in these special times!

