



Gaesdonck Parents Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers, dear parents,

The first week of face-to-face teaching in the "B group" is behind us. It was really nice to see you again. Here and there we made a few adjustments to the organisation in the course of the week, but on the whole, we had a positive experience. We also had the impression that our students were happy to be back and to bring "life" to the campus again. **We are now all looking forward to the coming "A-week" with the next part of the students.**

Please remind yourself and your children of the current **hygiene concept** and the general conditions for attending classes until the Easter holidays. You will find a summary of all the information in last week's [Parents' Letter 36](#).

Covid-19 self-tests for all pupils

The self-tests announced by the Ministry of Education are currently being distributed to all schools in North Rhine-Westphalia. Whether we will be able to conduct coordinated tests with our pupils before the Easter holidays depends largely on when we receive them. In any case, we would like to inform you about the current planning status:

The self-testing will take place in the classrooms and course rooms under the supervision of the teachers in compliance with strict hygiene rules. A concept with high safety standards has already been drawn up for this. After the tests have been carried out and the prescribed waiting period has elapsed, the results are checked by the teachers.

If the result is positive, this does not mean necessarily that your child actually has Covid-19. In such a case, you as parents will be contacted by telephone by the school office and asked to collect your child and have a PCR test carried out by a doctor. Only this test provides a reliable statement about the presence of an infection!

The testing is voluntary. For children and adolescents up to the age of 18, parents can object to their child taking part in the test. Please use the form of the state government linked [here](#) and make sure that your child has the original with your signature on the day of testing. (Not valid for boarding students).

General information on self-testing at school can be found on the overview page of the Ministry of Education in the education portal: <https://www.schulministerium.nrw/selbsttests> (in German only).

Independently of or in addition to the state government's testing programme, all Gaesdonck pupils still have the **possibility of individual testing** at any time for a fee of € 4. If a student is interested, we ask her/him to contact Dr Oberdörster directly via Teams.

Note on arrival on Sunday

Boarding students who are travelling home during the upcoming weekend are expected back on campus next **Sunday, 21.03.2021 between 17.00 and 19.00 hrs.** Once again, a Covid 19 quick test will be carried out on arrival in the music school rooms before entering the campus.

Reimbursement of OEx fees for the Year 11

It is great to have our Year 11 students back on campus. Nevertheless, we will refund the OEx fees for the month of March for Year 11 according to the familiar model and offset them with the collection for April.

Continuation of emergency care

Regardless of whether they are assigned to the A or B group, **emergency care** continues to be available to students in Years 5 and 6. For day boarding pupils, this also extends to the afternoons if required. Pupils who make use of the emergency care will from now on meet in the morning in **front of the Juvenat.**

For reasons of planning security, we again ask you to notify us in good time of any care that may be required by sending an e-mail to poststelle@gaesdonck.de using the form linked [here](#).

School bus transport

Since Monday, our bus lines have also been running according to the regular timetable again (without Corona supplementary lines). Download the timetable [here](#). We have been closely monitoring the situation on the buses over the last few days. Due to high capacity utilisation, we have changed the busses used on some routes to larger busses during the week.

(The fact that this did not necessarily lead to a better distribution of pupils over the additional space in the bus is probably due to the reunion joy after the long time and therefore human. Nevertheless, please remind your children once again to keep their distance from each other on the buses as well. In this context, a friendly reminder in the same direction also goes to our upper school students travelling together in the car...).

Due to the closure of Weezer Str. in Kevelaer, the **bus-stop Buchfinkenweg**, near Aldi on Weezer Str. will not be available in the coming week. There will be no alternative stop. We recommend that affected pupils get on and off the bus at the Venloer Str. stop (at the near Dr. Reul's practice, on the corner of Schanzstr.). This will affect lines 15, 24 and 34.

Not least because of the incidence figures rising again, we conclude this parents' letter again this week with the wish: **take care of yourself and stay healthy!**

Yours sincerely from the Gaesdonck Campus

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