



## Gaesdonck Parents Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers, dear parents,

Actually, our letter to parents at the end of the Easter holidays was almost ready until we received the press release last night and then the various implementing regulations for next week's school lessons during the course of the day. So, once again, things are a little different than planned. But that doesn't matter - we know how to be "flexible" by now.

So:

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry for Schools and Education of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia dated 08.04.2021, **distance learning** will again take place from next week for **all grades from Year 5 to Year 9 as well as for Year 11**. For the time being, this requirement only applies to the next school week.

For the final classes, in our case **Year 10** and the **Year 13**, and also for **Year 12**, there will be lessons with **face-to-face teaching**.

Specifically:

For **Year 10**: The alternating teaching model remains in place. In the coming week, the students of the **B group** will attend the face-to-face lessons as planned. The A group will work on assignments (via Moodle) in homeschooling. These are then discussed and evaluated the following week.

For organisational reasons, some of the groups had to be redistributed. Please understand that we cannot accommodate every individual request; there are various constraints (such as ZP 10) in the foreground here.

For **Year 13**: There are **three compact days** for specific examination preparation in the Abitur subjects: 13.04., 15.04. and 20.04.2021. The timetables can be viewed via WebUntis.

Students can be exempted from attendance classes on request and after consultation with the school. However, this does not entitle the student to individual digital lessons. The informal application for exemption must be submitted to the school administration for the entire teaching day.

The **Abitur examinations** will begin as scheduled on **23.04.2021**.

For **Year 12**: Lessons take place according to the timetable in all courses.

## Covid-19 self-tests

As of next week, the state government has decided to make Covid-19 **testing compulsory, with tests twice a week** for all pupils, teachers and other staff at schools. From now on, attendance at school will only be possible if a current negative test result is available.

For the coming week, we have set up appropriate tests in the form of the familiar self-tests (front nasal swab) for all students participating in the face-to-face lessons so that this compulsory testing is fulfilled for everyone. As before the holidays, the self-tests will be carried out during lessons under the supervision of the subject teachers.

Alternatively, it is possible to prove a negative test by an approved testing centre (public test). However, this test may not be more than 48 hours old on the day of the lesson. Pupils who do not comply with the compulsory testing cannot take part in the face-to-face lessons.

## Lunch in the refectory

For lunch, essentially the same rules apply as before the Easter holidays (hand disinfection, one-way system, fixed times...). So far this has worked really well. We therefore ask you again to respect the **mandatory meal times**, especially on Tuesday and Thursday, when the students in Year 13 are present as well:

- 12.00 - 13.00 Preferential meal option for all pupils **without lessons**, in particular for the **boarding students**, and, if possible, for the staff.
- 13.00 - 13.30 Mensa reserved for the **Year 12** and boarding students with lessons
- 13.30 - 14.00 Mensa reserved for the **Year 13** and boarding students with lessons

For the Year 12, the 6th lesson will continue to end at 1.00 pm. For the Year 13, the 7th lesson does not start until 14.00.

## Supervision during distance learning

Our students in Years 5 and 6 will continue to have the option of supervision (formerly "emergency care") on campus during distance lessons. For day boarding students, this also extends to the afternoons, if required.

For reasons of planning security, we would like to ask you again to notify us in good time by e-mail at [poststelle@gaesdonck.de](mailto:poststelle@gaesdonck.de) of any care that may be required. The state government has provided a **new form for** this purpose: download it [here](#). (in German only)

## School bus transport

Even though only some of our students will be able to come to the attendance classes next week, our bus routes will run again according to the regular timetable (without Corona supplementary lines) from Monday. Download [here](#).

It would be nice if the space that is certainly widely available in most of the busses is used accordingly to keep a distance between each other!

Due to the closure of Weezer Str. in Kevelaer, the Buchfinkenweg stop at the Aldi supermarket on Weezer Str. is still not available. There is no alternative stop. We recommend that affected pupils get on and off at the Venloer Str. stop (at the level of Dr. Reul's practice, on the corner of Schanz Str.). Lines 15, 24 and 34 are affected.

### **Arrival at the boarding school and adapted day structure**

All boarding students from the Years 10, 12 and 13 are expected back on campus on **Sunday, 11 April 2021 between 18:00 and 20:00 hrs.** Once again, arrival will be via the main car park in accordance with the now well-established procedure: before entering the campus, the Covid 19 rapid test will first take place in the music school, after which the students will go to the administration to register. It is still not possible for parents to enter the boarding houses.

We strongly recommend that also the boarding students of all other grades travel in to the coming Sunday. Once again, the educators in the boarding houses have prepared a comprehensive programme with fixed study times and attractive leisure activities (attached).

*For now, we wish you and your families a good week. As always, we'll get through this together. Stay healthy!*

Dr Markus Oberdörster  
Director

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz  
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers  
Head of Boarding School

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# Day structure at the full boarding school during the Corona pandemic from 12 to 18 April 2021

Changes or adjustments are possible at any time

## Monday till Friday

06.45 a.m.	Wake up
07.15 a.m.	<b>Morning Prayer/Breakfast</b> (Students in Years 12 and 13 have the opportunity to breakfast until 08.30 hrs)
07.55 a.m. to 1.10 p.m.	<b>Study time/digital lessons</b> for the students of the Years 5 to 10 - including breaks and max. two free periods
07.55 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.	<b>Digital lessons</b> for students of Years 11 to 13 depending on timetable
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.	<b>Study time</b> for students of Years 11 to 13 (depending on timetable) - <i>option 1</i>
12.30 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	<b>Group time/courses</b>
3.30 p.m.	<b>Coffee</b>
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	<b>Free time</b>
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	<b>Study time</b> for students of Years 11 to 13 (depending on timetable) - <i>option 2</i>
6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.	<b>Vocabulary study time</b> for the students of the Years 5 to 10
6.40 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b>
7.30 p.m.	<b>Sports opportunities</b>
9.00 p.m.	<b>Evening Prayer</b> for pupils of Years 5 to 7
9.30 p.m.	Bedtime for pupils of Years 5 to 7
10.00 p.m.	Bedtime for students of Years 8 to 10
10.00 p.m.	Room rest for students of Years 11 to 13

## Saturday till Sunday

09.00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.	Saturday: <b>Study Time/Learning Coaching</b> Sunday: <b>Church service</b>
12.30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	<b>Free time</b>
3.00 p.m.	<b>Coffee</b>
3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	<b>Sports facilities</b>
5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.	<b>Free time</b>
6.40 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b>
8.00 p.m.	Individual evening programme
10.00 p.m.	Bedtime
11.30 p.m.	Room rest