



Gaesdonck Parents Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers, dear parents,

You have probably already read about it in the press: Unless something unforeseen happens over the weekend, we will be resuming the **alternating attendance model** for **all Year groups** next week. As usual, we will start with the "A-week" and thus also with the "**A-group**".

The group compositions have remained largely constant, otherwise you will receive information from the class teacher.

Exceptions:

As in the past, all lessons in **Year 12** take place in class according to the normal timetable.

For **Year 13**, the last preparation for the Abitur examination subjects takes place on 20.04.2021.

Covid-19 self-tests

The compulsory tests continue to be carried out in the form of the now familiar self-tests (front nose swab) twice a week under supervision. Tests will be carried out in Years 5 to 10 on Mondays and Thursdays in the 1st hour, in Year 11 on Tuesdays in the 1st hour and on Thursdays in the 3rd hour, in the Year 12 on Mondays and Thursdays in the 3rd hour.

Alternatively, a negative test from a certified testing centre that is no more than 48 hours old may be presented at these days.

Pupils who are not tested cannot participate in lessons or educational support.

The date of the self-tests, the persons tested and the test results are recorded and documented by the school. Negative results are not passed on to third parties and are deleted after 14 days. In the case of a positive test, however, a report must be made by the school to the responsible health authority in accordance with the current requirements of the state government.

Lunch in the refectory

In order to be able to guarantee the mandatory distances during lunch in the refectory, we again ask you to observe the **compulsory meal times**. With the return of the Year 11 to face-to-face teaching, these have **changed as follows**:

- 12.00 - 13.00 Preferential meal option for all students **without lessons**, in particular for **boarding students**, and, if possible, for the staff.
- 13.00 - 13.30 Refectory reserved for **Year 12** and boarding students with lessons
- 13.30 - 14.00 Refectory reserved for **Year 11** and boarding students with lessons

For the Year 12, the 6th lesson will continue to end at 1.00 pm. For the Year 11, the 7th lesson does not start until 14.00.

Year 13 students may eat at any time on their last day of school next Tuesday. Please place yourselves during the meal in sufficient distance to other students, especially those from other Years.

Students up to Year 10 are unfortunately still not able to have lunch in the refectory.

Childcare during distance learning

There will be no changes to the regulations regarding the pedagogical care. It helps us a lot if you register your child by e-mail to poststelle@gaesdonck.de by 1 pm on Fridays so that we can plan better. You can download the form [here](#).

Participation in pedagogical care also requires two Corona self-tests each week; we have tests on Mondays and Thursdays before the first lesson.

School bus transport

Our bus routes continue to operate according to the regular timetable (without Corona supplementary lines). Download [here](#).

We assume that due to the closure of Weezer Str. in Kevelaer, the stop Buchfinkenweg, height Aldi on Weezer Str. will also be unavailable next week. Please inform yourself on the spot. We recommend that the affected pupils get on and off at the Venloer Str. stop (near the Dr. Reul's practice, at the corner of Schanz Str.). This affects lines 15, 24 and 34.

Still no care at the day boarding school

Unfortunately, we are still unable to offer our students day care at the boarding school. This hurts us very much. However, the group divisions of the alternating classes are already prepared for a resumption of the day boarding school. We are constantly monitoring the situation and are ready to start. As soon as possibilities open up due to an improved infection situation, we will inform you!

Arrival at boarding school

On **Sunday, 18.04.2021 between 17.00 and 19.00**, the additional Covid-19 tests for all internal students will take place again in the Music School facilities. Consequently, at this time there will also be the next opportunity to (re-)arrive on campus.

We are very much looking forward to seeing our students again on Monday - albeit a week late and in divided groups. At the same time, the infection figures are also rising sharply again in the Kleve district at the moment. So when we come together again next week as a school and boarding school community, we will probably need mutual consideration and careful responsibility once again.

We are quite sure that our students will continue to do as well as they have done so far. This week, too, we say goodbye with the firm conviction: We will get through this together. Stay healthy!

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