

## **Information 5 of the school management from 16.03.2020 on the Corona Virus**

Dear parents

The announcement made late last Friday evening that our schools will have to discontinue classroom teaching as of today, Monday 16 March 2020, has been met with sympathetic feedback by the majority of parents, for which we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks. However, we were also asked a few clarification questions, which we answer in a separate appendix to this letter for all to see.

In its press conference today, 16 March 2020 at 5 p.m., the Federal Council declared a national emergency to combat the Corona Virus Pandemic, which will apply from midnight tonight until at least 19 April 2020, and is linked to further restrictive measures.

In order to provide our children with adequate education despite the massive restrictions, we and our employees today organised the launch of distance learning and digital homework distribution. Emergency care has also been provided, which is reserved for a limited number of parents who are dependent on care due to specific activities (hospital, pharmacy, basic services, public services).

For KG and PS, the following structure applies with immediate effect: a home learning package is sent out every day via Google Classroom, twice a week in German, twice in English and once in French. Whenever possible, the children's work is also sent back to the school digitally (as a document, a scan, an image file, etc.). Where this is not possible for any reason, the results can also be physically returned to the school once a week (always on Wednesday!) via homework folder. Boxes are provided at two locations where the folders can be deposited. The location for the children's house is the covered passageway to the garden, between the children's house and the garage, for the school the location is in the covered external staircase down to the dining room on the ground floor.

Each child already has a homework folder; a second one will be sent to him or her by us in the next few days. One folder is always at home with the child, the other one for corrections and necessary refilling at school. The results will be corrected and if necessary sent home again for correction. The exchange of the portfolios always takes place on Wednesday afternoons between 13:00 and 17:00. Please put the folder you bring into the IN box of your child's level. You will find the folder you are collecting in the OUT box of your child's level.

Children of both schools who are admitted to emergency care will be cared for in age-appropriate groups (pre-school and kindergarten in Kinderhaus Signastr. 7 and pre/primary pupils in Schulhaus Signastr. 9). All other locations remain closed! The emergency care will be open from tomorrow Tuesday, 17.03.2020, from 08:00 to max. 17:00 hrs. The children will be received in the respective building, provided they do not cough and/or have a fever.

Children in the emergency care will do the same level-related work and homework here on site in the mornings and under supervision as the children in the distance learning classes are delivered to their homes! After lunch, the remaining children in the afternoon emergency care have access to outdoor after-school care.

We thank all parents who show understanding for the measures taken to protect the weakest members of our society. We assure you that together with our teaching staff, who for safety reasons also only work in alternating shifts on site, we will do everything in our power to ensure that your children also receive a varied and instructive range of lessons in distance learning.

With kind regards

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