

Wiesbaden, 7 January 2021

Dear **students**, dear **parents**,

Since January 6, 2021, we have learned that in Hesse, in view of the current infection situation, **attendance requirements for grades 1-6** will be **suspended** until January 29, 2021. During this phase, contacts should be as limited as possible.

For schooling at **Hessian elementary schools**, this means that, if possible, all students should participate in **distance learning** from their homes and only go to school if it is not possible for you to care for your child at home due to work-related or medical reasons.

Please base your decision exclusively on **childcare requirements!** Everyone will be provided with the **same teaching contents**.

Below we would like to inform you about the **process and the organization** from January 11, 2021 until January 29, 2021 both regarding **attendance at school** and **homeschooling**.

Process	Remarks
<p>Classes for attending students from 8:30 am to 12:45 pm</p> <p>→Lunch 12:45-1:15 pm</p> <p>→1:15-1:45 pm Outdoor break</p> <p>→From 1:45 pm supervision of children in their class</p> <p>→Pick-up time flexible between 2:30 and 5:00 pm, depending on the chosen module</p> <p>→ P.E. and Music lessons are not cancelled, but are carried out under the hygiene regulations that will remain in effect.</p>	<p>Absent students will be given a homeschooling plan for the entire week, which they will work on as independently as possible. → Feedback on submitted assignments on MS Teams is made available online everyday between 1 and 4 pm.</p> <p>Students <u>at school</u> receive a work plan for each day for the corresponding subjects, which they work on as independently as possible in the class.</p> <p>→ Feedback on completed tasks is given either directly or the next day.</p> <p>Morning circle on Mondays &amp; closing circle on Fridays are held at school and <u>via video conference</u> with all students.</p>
<p>Remedial teaching in class/small groups/individually according to schedule</p>	<p>Either at school or via video conference → Respective students will be informed separately by the special needs teacher via email</p>



In order **to contain the pandemic**, the state of Hesse considers it essential to limit attendance classes and to switch to distance learning as much as possible. Accordingly, we have reduced the school hours to 12:45 pm. After the so-called outdoor break, the school will only provide supervision of the children in class. Also, please note that **breakfast** will no longer be offered at the PbG until the end of January. Instead, the **snack** offer will be expanded (packaged snacks such as trail mix, pretzels, mini salamis, crackers, tangerines, apples, etc.).

All children coming to school during the above period must, of course, continue to follow the **AHA rule** (AHA=keeping distance, washing hands, wearing masks) as well as the **rules on airing rooms**.

**Pick-up** for students in limited attendance classes is available between 2:30 pm and 5 pm at the schoolyard gate (depending on the chosen module). Please let the class team know if you are picking up your child between 2:45 pm and 4 pm.

**Dropping off** students will be handled via the school yard. From 7:45 am a teacher collects all students in the courtyard until 8 am. After that, it is time for free work. From 8:30 am the limited attendance classes will start.

Please refer to the adjusted timetable of your class, which will be sent to you via email on January 8, 2021, to find out how the daily classroom lessons will be divided up over the next three weeks. The **content** will be about repeating and deepening what has been learned so far.

Your child will receive his/her **school report for the first semester** in person or by postal mail on the last day of school. The school report for the 1st semester will be based on the learning progress up to the date of the suspension of attendance requirements on December 16, 2020.

A challenging, stressful time lies ahead for all of us. If we want to master it, and above all for the benefit of all students, then we will have to master it TOGETHER.

On that note, please remain confident and stay healthy.

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