

Dear parents,

We would like to apologise for the fact that we are only now able to send you information about the resumption of classes from next week. We did not receive the letter from the MSB until the evening of 15.04.2021.

Anyone who has been in a risk area or virus variant area in the last 10 days before entering Germany is obliged to follow the rules set out by the MAGS (<https://www.mags.nrw/>).

The new regulation issued by the Ministry of Schools and Education (MSB) on 14 April 2021 stipulates that all pupils (except those in pre-school) and all school staff must undergo **two tests per week to ensure the resumption of attendance classes following the protocols established before the Easter holidays.**

According to the MSB, our school will not be supplied with the self-testing kits (nasal swab) provided by the state of NRW until 26.04.2021 at the earliest.

In view of this situation, the school will either remain closed and classes will be taught at a distance while we wait for the delivery of the tests, or we will implement a joint strategy that will allow the resumption of face-to-face classes according to the established protocols.

The following strategy will therefore be followed **from next week** (until the tests are delivered):

Your children will be required to take two tests:

1. A so-called **Bürgertest** with a certificate
Depending on the city, every citizen has the right to take at least one free *Bürgertest* per week. In Düsseldorf, this test can be taken at one of the many test locations (<https://corona.duesseldorf.de/schnelltest>). The test must have been taken a maximum of 48 hours before the school attendance.

The certificate of the negative test result is a prerequisite for school attendance. Each pupil must present this certificate at the entrance of the school on Monday 19 April or Tuesday 20 April and give it to the teacher during the first lesson. (A certificate of a negative PCR test result carried out no more than 48 hours before school attendance is also valid).

All school staff must also hand in this certificate when returning to school.

2. A **self-test** in class
Unfortunately, I have no choice but to ask you to buy a self-test (e.g., from a pharmacy, drugstore or supermarket) and give it to your child so that this second test can be made in the first lesson under the supervision of the teacher.

All school staff must also make a self-test.

Enclosed you will find the instructions provided by the MSB for conducting the tests. I would kindly ask you to explain these to your child/children. The teachers will also explain the exact procedure to the children.

A pupil who tests positive in the test will not be admitted to class. He/she will be isolated from the other pupils and adults until he/she is picked up by the parents. We will ensure that this is done with the utmost sensitivity so that the experience is as non-distressing as possible for the child. The parents will then need to make an appointment for a PCR test.

If the result is negative, the child can return to school, if it is positive, the local health department and the school must be informed.

A staff member who tests positive must also go home and make an appointment for a PCR test.

Only with this strategy can classes resume on Monday 19 April, according to the protocols established before the holidays:

- Pre-school: regular class size every day
- CP, CE1, CE2, CM1, CM2, 6ème, 4ème and 2nde: alternating half class sizes
- 5ème, 3ème, 1ère and Terminale and FLSco pupils in the Collège: regular class size every day

For the primary school, the teachers will inform you of the composition of the groups as soon as possible.

For the secondary classes concerned, the groups will remain unchanged.

AWO afternoon care for the pre-school will resume on 19 April 2021 under the same conditions as before the holidays, with no mixing of groups.

Please be assured that the entire staff of the LfdD will do their utmost to ensure the best possible pedagogical continuity, considering the regulations of the state of NRW.

We sincerely thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind regards,

François Dillenschneider
Headmaster