

## Latest news and information about COVID-19

Dear parents,

the corona pandemic continues. With this letter I would like to inform you about the current school-related information:

### **1. Emergency support for schoolchildren only in exceptional cases**

The emergency care in schools for grades 1 - 6 is **only intended** for children of people who are required to maintain these structures and services as employees in areas of critical infrastructure.

These are employees

- in the field of health care (medicine, hospitals, doctor's surgeries, pharmacies, ...),
- in nursing,
- childcare staff from day-care centers and schools as well as teaching staff,
- at the police and fire brigade,
- from supermarkets and grocery stores.

The prerequisite is that both legal guardians or single parents work in a corresponding area!

#### ***Please note:***

- **After March 18, 2020 there should be no more childcare at school!**

A school emergency care offer should only be provided if exceptional care is absolutely not possible in exceptional cases. **The aim of the state government is to have empty schools from Wednesday, March 18th, 2020!**

- All beneficiaries must submit a written confirmation from their employer.

### **2. Lessons - but not free of school! Class tasks available!**

The teachers have started to provide extensive teaching material. On the homepage of the school <https://gems-ossenmoorpark.lernnetz.de> we have created a new area in the main navigation "Learning during the Corona school closure". Work plans and materials are already available for download for most classes and subjects.

**These tasks are OBLIGATORY TASKS instead of the lessons and are assessed!** This will continue to fill up over the next few days! **Please check there!**

Some of the material was already distributed on Friday or was sent to the classes by email. We will also publish this notice on the homepage!

### 3. School trips - ban until the end of the school year

In the meantime, the state government has initiated even more far-reaching consequences regarding the implementation of school trips. Accordingly, the following applies today:

- **No class trips are allowed until the end of the school year!** This also applies to school trips within Schleswig-Holstein. The planned school trips of the 6th classes are canceled this school year as well as the England trip in year 8 and the trip of the 9th classes to Amsterdam!
- For the time being, no new class trips for 2020 may be booked.
- The ministry will decide at a later date to what extent class trips that have already been booked can take place after the summer holidays.
- **Reimbursement of costs:**

Many parents found it difficult to raise the money for their children's trips. You did it anyway because you wanted your children to be able to participate. I am very grateful to you for your children! It is all the more difficult for you that the trips cannot take place, but it is questionable whether you will get back a large part of the money.

The good news: **The Ministry announced a solution today!** However, this will take time because measures to curb the corona virus and human health are currently at the forefront of ministerial action. First of all, that's a relief! According to my research, the costs are to be borne by the state in other federal states (e.g. North Rhine-Westphalia). I can imagine that there is a similar solution here. I ask you for your patience and therefore to refrain from asking the teachers at the moment. If there is something new, I will let you know!

### 4. Final exams

It is currently not clear whether appointments will have to be postponed. The Ministry will publish regulations on this in good time. The practical language test for the language test of origin has been postponed indefinitely.

Dear Parents, nobody can currently predict how the pandemic will develop and how long the current restrictions will last. It remains to be seen what will happen after the Easter holidays. We are already considering what kind of schooling could look like if school operations were to remain restricted. Let us hope that this will not be necessary!

I wish you and your families that you stay healthy .

Sincerely yours

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