

## **Arrangements for alternating classes from 22 February 2021**

From Monday, 22 February, the alternating classes will finally begin, as we had already planned a fortnight ago.

Finally, lessons at school again - at least every other day!

Important change compared to the previous planning: All children are now obliged to attend the alternating attendance classes! School attendance is compulsory again!

Organisational information for the start on 22 February:

- Parents have been informed by the class leaders about the division of their child into the subgroups. This also makes it clear on which days the children have attendance days at school or learning days at home. In case of doubt, please ask the class teacher!

- Lesson times: Grades 1 & 2 have lessons from 8:00-12:00, also on Fridays. Grades 3 & 4 have lessons from 8:00-13:00.

- The previous class entrances will remain. Masking and spacing rules apply throughout the building as before.

- All subjects are taught in class. Physical education classes are scheduled as movement time in the daily schedule, as the sports halls cannot be used.

- The majority of lessons, in many classes the entire lessons, are taught and organised by the class leaders.

- Subject teachers supplement the teaching time where necessary.

- The staff resources are completely exhausted with this plan. Substitute teaching is not possible, so that in the event of a teacher's illness, attendance classes have to be cancelled.

- Emergency care groups continue to be set up for those children who cannot be cared for at home on the "learning day". In these emergency groups, no lessons take place, only - where possible - supervision during practice. Prior registration for emergency care is mandatory.

- For the time being, the all-day school will continue to be offered only as an emergency GTS without lunch. As GTS staff are employed in emergency care in the mornings, there is a lack of personnel resources here for an extended offer. We are carefully working on a gradual adjustment towards normality.

- Due to the compulsory presence in the alternating lessons, it is also possible to conduct class tests and performance assessments again, as no child is at a disadvantage who would still be in the distance lessons.

- In view of the increasing occurrence of new virus mutations, special caution applies: Therefore, the obligation to wear a mouth-nose covering also applies in class for teachers and pupils. Here, medical masks and FFP2/KN95 masks are recommended for teachers, but pupils may continue to use everyday masks, as FFP2 masks are not medically recommended for children under 14 years of age.

- With strict adherence to the other hygiene regulations and in particular the distance requirement - it remains the pedagogical responsibility of the teacher (e.g. when teaching new lesson content in the area of listening and speech education, when introducing new letters, when dictating or in other specific teaching situations) to temporarily refrain from wearing a mask. In addition, a sufficient number of mask breaks should be taken (e.g. in the context of silent work phases at the seat or also during movement and sport phases with distance outdoors).