

To parents of students in primary schools, special schools of grades 1 to 4 as well as students of lower grades in the focus on intellectual development in Saxony.

Dear Sir or Madame, dear parents,

with the letter to all parents from May 8th 2020, I was supposed to explain and point out the new steps for opening and returning to the restricted operation of the day-care facility for children, primary schools and special schools for classes 1 to 4. So our children can go to school again.

In the meantime, many parents have contacted and addressed us with further demands to open the schools on the one hand as well as with concerns and doubts on the other hand. Please be assured, that we will take every given indication, claim or possible concern very serious and consider them carefully.

The corona pandemic will keep us busy for many more month. So we are forced to give considerations and thus make decisions in the future.

This also applies to a current order of the Administrative Court in Leipzig. Parents of a 7-year-old student from a primary school in Leipzig have filed an urgent appeal against the opening of primary schools in Saxony. The order of the Administrative Court in Leipzig only applies to the individual student as the claimant and effects exclusively him and the particular primary school.

I honestly admit, that I bemoan this order. However, we are going to investigate this concern by the Higher Administrative Court. Nevertheless, we are adhering to our decision to open the schools. Until May 5th 2020, we still leave the choice for parents of students from primary schools as well as from lower grades of special schools whether their children will be learning and completing their study time in their classes at school or at home. With this regulation, we respect the order of the Administrative Court in Leipzig as well as the interests and considerations of our primary school students.

We still believe that our concept of reopening the day-care facility for children, primary schools and the lower grades of special schools in Saxony is a suitable way of implementing the infection protection in an age-appropriate manner. By doing so, we are complying with the chartered right of

children to participate and receive education. We do not want children in particular to suffer from the current situation.

Children of primary schools are hardly able to follow the strict distance rules throughout an entire school day. For opening the schools it is therefore strongly necessary and preconditioned that students of different classes do not mix and come together with each other. This concept of fixed classes is intended to contribute to the understanding and reconstructing of chains of infection in case of disease. Another requirement is the confirmation of health. Children are only allowed to attend classes if neither they nor members of the household show any symptoms of Covid-19.

We know that very strict regulations have to be implemented. You will find the relevant information in the attachment. For you as parents, this means additional work due to new procedures. However, please make sure that these are strictly adhered to - for your children but also for the teacher and educators. We owe this to the health protection of the entire school community. Only with your consistent cooperation it is possible for us to avoid any inconveniences for you, your child and everyone else involved. At the same time, however, these measures enable us to provide the relief for families that plenty of you hoped for.

We kindly ask you to maintain the concept of “fixed groups” also in your private and professional life. Please continue to reduce social contacts. For example, only meet friends from your child’s class. All this helps us to provide and ensure the best possible schooling and care for the children - for the health and education of our children.

Thank you very much for your responsible participation

Your,
Christian Piwarz

Attachment

Information about the Confirmation of health

In the meantime, you have received further information from your child's school, including the form for the confirmation of health which must be signed daily. We kindly ask you to note the following information:

- We would like to point out that the confirmation signed daily by your signature is a prerequisite for your child's school attendance
- Please include this confirmation of health in your daily routine. Make sure, you give this form to your child every day when he or she leaves to school - preferably in the so-called "Pendelmappe"
- From May 25th 2020 ongoing, the school may not accept children without a signed confirmation of health, which is updated daily. As parents, you are obliged to pick up your child from school if your signature is missing for the specific day. If you fail to do so, the school is ultimately obliged to involve the public regulatory agency - right up to taking your child into custody.
- You are also required to truthfully confirm that neither your children nor any members of the household show any symptoms of Covid-19. A medical confirmation is not required. It is only about your personal notification and perception of symptoms in sense of a cold.
- If a child shows any symptoms of Covid-19 while being at school, the school is required to immediately exclude the child from class and inform the parents in order to pick up their child.