

Dear Parents,

Classes at school will start again for your child on 4 May 2020 or 11 May 2020. Due to the current pandemic situation, this return is subject to special hygiene and protective measures. These have been coordinated with health services and public health authorities. For example, there is a strict social distancing requirement generally in place of minimum 2 meters and an obligation to wear face coverings (simply fabric masks) outside the classrooms all over the school grounds. Of course, these masks may be worn voluntarily during lessons.

Nevertheless, it is possible for vulnerable pupils who are at risk of suffering a severe course of the disease if infected with coronavirus to be released from compulsory school attendance. In such a case, you must inform the school accordingly and submit an appropriate medical certificate.

Underlying diseases that carry a higher risk of a severe course of the coronavirus disease include in particular

- Cardiovascular disease, such as high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, heart attack in the medical history
- Diabetes mellitus (poorly controlled)
- Chronic diseases of the respiratory system, such as asthma (poorly controlled), chronic bronchitis, COPD
- Chronic diseases of the liver, such as hepatitis or cirrhosis
- Diseases of the kidney that result, for example, in limited function or dialysis requirements
- Cancer

The existence of a weakened or suppressed immune system may also increase the risk. This includes in particular

- Primary immunodeficiency
- Caused by, for example, multiple sclerosis or rheumatic disorders
- Caused by ingesting medication that results in a limited function of the immune system, e.g. cortisone

Similarly, if anyone in your household is at such a risk of suffering a severe course of a coronavirus disease, your child may be released from attending classes at school. In this case, too, a medical certificate is required to confirm the condition.