



Köln-Wahnheide, August 10, 2020

Dear parents,
dear Heideschule students,

on behalf of the Heideschule team I wish you a good and successful start into the school year 2020/21. We all hope that our students are well and we will do all we can to keep it that way. We know that the school start this year is a special one due to the Corona crisis.

In the school year 2020/2021, according to the ministry's instructions, lessons according to the school timetable, i.e. also including technical lessons, are to take place again. In the first week, however, class teacher lessons will take place.

The new school year begins on Wednesday, 12.08.2020 for grades 2,3,4. 13.08.2020 is the date of the enrolment ceremony for our new grade 1 students.

In order to straighten out the start of school in the mornings, there are new starting times and locations for all classes. Each class will have a fixed starting time and meeting point for this school year. In the morning, students are asked to go directly to the meeting point of their class. Their teachers will pick them up and will walk with them through the school building as a group. Please make sure that your child arrives at the class meeting point no more than 5 minutes in advance, but also not late. Parents will not be allowed to enter the school grounds and should avoid crowds in front of the entrances.

The following times and meeting points apply for the individual grades:

Grade 1	8:20 AM	School meadow in front of the school gym
Grade 2	8:20 AM	Schoolyard
Grade 3	8:10 AM	Schoolyard
Grade 4	8:10 AM	School meadow in front of the school gym

For all children, classes will end at 11:45 am during the first week. The OGS will take place again on the regular basis as before.

The lessons take place in the class group. In the classroom there are no distance keeping regulations applicable. All subjects will be taught again, partly also by subject teachers. You will receive the timetable and further information on corona protection measures in the Heideschule during the first days of school. Participation in lessons is mandatory.

The regular OGS operation takes place again from the first day of school. In addition, there will be lunch again, including drinks. Please note that your children may be dropped off elsewhere in the afternoon. Please note that you will only be able to pick up your children outside the school grounds. You will receive further information about the changed rules in the OGS daily schedule soon.

There will be no change in the use of the mouth-nose cover compared to the practice before the summer holidays.

In the school building and on the entire school grounds, all students and all other individuals are required to wear a mouth-nose cover. When the children are in their permanent seating positions and lessons are in progress, the cover may be removed.

You as parents are responsible for acquiring the mouth-nose cover for your child. Please also stow a spare mask in your child's school bag so that there will always be one available. Please also consider the afternoon in the OGS and the requirement to wear the mouth-nose-cover outside during the play break.

The mask obligation serves to protect everyone and shows respect for others. In the event of repeated violations of the mask obligation, children will be suspended from class.

Adults may only enter the school grounds in exceptional cases. Please continue to refrain from entering the school building without making an appointment in advance by telephone. Our secretary's office will be occupied again starting Monday.

Of course, children suffering from COVID 19 may under no circumstances go to school. They are also not allowed to go to school if someone in the family is infected. Basically, we expect you to keep your child at home if it shows any signs of illness. We will have sick children being picked up by their parents.

Please be sure to take special measures if you have been in a risk area in the last 14 days. Please check whether your travelling destination is on the list of the Robert Koch Institute. If you have been in one of the declared risk areas during the 14 days prior to your reentry to Germany, you are required to immediately and directly enter a 14-day domestic quarantine or present a negative corona test result. This measure serves to protect your family, your neighbours and all people in your surroundings and is unfortunately unavoidable. It does not matter whether you are sick or not.

As the pandemic situation can change on a daily basis, please check the school's homepage regularly. There we will publish any information and changes relevant to our school operations in a timely manner.

Stay healthy!

Lutz Hassel, Principal of the school