



Gaesdonck Parents Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers, dear parents,

For the long carnival weekend, we send you a cheerful Helau or Alaaf from the Gaesdonck Campus to your home, depending on your preference. Enjoy the carnival days with your families.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the families of our Asian students a Happy New Year on the occasion of yesterday's New Year's celebration!

In addition, the winter weather has us firmly in its grip and bathes the school and boarding school grounds with its remaining residents in a light that is unusual for the Lower Rhine.

Resumption of lessons

The Federal Government and the Minister Presidents of the Länder have decided to extend the existing lockdown until the beginning of March. There will be federal state-specific regulations regarding the resumption of classroom teaching.

For us in North Rhine-Westphalia, it can currently be said that after the carnival weekend from **Ash Wednesday, 17 February to the following Friday, 19 February**, classes will continue to be held as **distance classes**.

As of **Monday, 22 February 2021**, classes in the **Years 10, 12 and 13** are to be resumed, presumably in the form of an alternation of face-to-face and distance learning, taking into account special Corona hygiene measures.

As always, we will keep you informed of all developments in a timely manner. You will receive more detailed information in a next letter to parents on 19.02.2021 at the latest.

Nearest arrival for the boarding school

As announced, there will be the next opportunity to **arrive at the boarding school** on Carnival Tuesday, **16.02.2021 between 18.30 and 19.30 hrs.** The procedure described in the [parents letter no. 25](#) of 07.01.2021 still applies. Please keep to the time stated above. There is no doctor on campus after 7.30 p.m. for the first test!

For planning purposes, we kindly ask you to send us your feedback by Monday, 15.02.2021 at 6.00 p.m. directly by e-mail to the boarding school director at gysbers@gaesdonck.de.

The next arrival date will be immediately afterwards on **Sunday, 21.02.2021**, probably **between 18.00 and 19.00 hrs.** (The time may still change - please see the next letter to parents). This arrival date is in any case binding for all pupils of the Years 10,12 and 13 - should there be a start of attendance classes for these levels as expected.

For planning purposes, we kindly ask you to contact Mr. Gysbers directly by e-mail by 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Reminder: Emergency care

Next week we will be offering **emergency care for** the students of Years 5 and 6 from Wednesday to Friday. For day boarding students, this also extends to the afternoons if required.

For reasons of planning security, we ask you this time to notify us of any supervision that may be required by emailing poststelle@gaesdonck.de by Tuesday 18.00 hrs using the form linked [here](#).

Also at the end of this letter to parents, our wish is: **Please take care of yourself and stay healthy!**
We are very much looking forward to seeing our external and day boarding students on campus again soon!

With kind regards

Dr Markus Oberdörster
Director

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers
Head of Boarding School

Start of support course modules - registration possible from Wednesday, 17.02.2021!

Period D of our support course modules starts on 22.2.21.

It goes until the Easter holidays.

In the last period, it has proven successful to have the support courses take place online via Microsoft Teams video conferencing. As long as not all grades are back in face-to-face classes, to continue this seems to make sense.

Registration for these support courses takes place exclusively online via the homepage - only those who are registered via the homepage can also be invited to the teams video conference by the support course teacher. You can find the link to the registration here:

<https://www.gaesdonck.de/bildung-plus/individuelle-foerderung/>

Registration will be open from Wednesday, 17.02.2021. If the registration is successful, an automated confirmation will be sent by e-mail. Please inform the support course teachers by e-mail if your child is unable to attend, as non-attendance without an excuse from the parents will be recorded in our digital class register as an unexcused absence.

With kind regards

Monique Heistrüvers
Coordinator for Individual Support