



# Gaesdonck Parents letter

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Dear Gaesdonck-families

Thank you very much for your numerous participation in the parents meetings last Sunday. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have so many dedicated parents in our Gaesdonck "School Family". Many colleagues told us about a constructive and interested atmosphere in their respective meetings.

We would like to quickly pick up two topics that have been on our minds since the beginning of the school year and that have been brought up as well during some of the meetings:

## **Bustransport**

Since the beginning of the school year, we have been running under the normal bus schedule again. On certain days on different lines there may be well-filled buses. This also includes standing room. The plans are made in such a way that when seats are fully occupied, students should have enough space in the standing area so that they can stand without contact, i.e. without jostling.

We observe the situation in the busses attentively and let our bus company or their drivers count the occupancy of the well-filled lines. We often come to the conclusion that a certain tightness in the front part of the buses is in practice less caused by the number of passengers than by the sometimes unwillingness to move to the back.

**We especially expect our older students to look after and show consideration for our younger students.** Unfortunately, there has been a little bit of room for improvement here and there over the past few days! Please help and remind your children once again that a good cooperation on the bus is also their responsibility. Just for the sake of completeness, we would like to remind you that the instructions of the bus tutors must of course be followed.

However, we want to avoid overcrowded buses at all costs and we are also prepared to create additional solutions where necessary. For example, from the next weekend we will no longer transport our boarding school students to Weeze train station via our school bus line in order to relieve the strain on the bus.

## **Canteen operation**

During the first few days of school, the combination of the implementation of the Corona hygiene rules, the increasing number of boarding students and a new increase in the number of Upper School students led to long queues at the food counter. Of course, there are worse things than queuing a few minutes longer for lunch (and we would like to thank all students for the discipline they showed!), but especially

for the students of the Upper School the problem arose that the lunchtime was a little too short when they had lessons again in the 7th hour.

In the Gaesdonck spirit of mutual consideration we will **reorganize the lunch** menu from tomorrow and until further notice:

- Special food and vegetarian food are again distributed at a third, outsourced food station (including soup, dessert and water). The corresponding hygiene measures in the context of the corona hygiene rules are currently being prepared.
- The time between 1.00 and 1.30 p.m. is reserved for the Students of the upper school (years 11 to 13), so that they can be ready in time for the beginning of the 7th lesson. If the 5th or 6th lesson is free of lessons, these times should still be used for lunch!
- For all pupils from year 5 to 10 the lunch time begins only starting from 13.30 o'clock. If the 6th hour is omitted, the time before 13.00 o'clock can also be used for lunch.
- The attendance control of the students (years 5 to 10) of the two boarding school forms is now obligatory before lunch at 1.15 pm in the respective houses.
- The group times will be changed to 14.15 o'clock if necessary.
- Furthermore, it applies that all students take place only on the table areas assigned to their house or their grade. Only there the mouth nose covering may be taken off.

Best regards from Gaesdonck campus

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