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Parent Information October 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,
Dear parents,

Berlin schools returned to normal operation with the beginning of the school year. Based on the experiences of recent weeks, we can draw a positive preliminary conclusion: Berlin schools have largely succeeded in resuming their familiar daily school routine even under the conditions of the pandemic. Our schools are doing a fantastic job in the interest of the children and their families. The school hygiene concepts have had an impact. The infection numbers in the schools have been low so far and demonstrate that schools are not sources of infection. Contact persons of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 can be precisely traced thanks to a consistent and systematic approach by the schools and health authorities. This ensures the protection of the children and school personnel, and instruction can be continued in-person in most cases. Your support for the measures has contributed significantly to the fact that the schools have been able to carry out in-person instruction, support and care. Thank you very much for that!

Wearing a nose-mouth face covering, washing hands, airing out rooms and maintaining physical distance have become matters of course for many pupils. I would urge you to continue to encourage your children and support them in following these and other protective measures. This also pertains to leisure behaviour, in particular during the upcoming holidays. As during the summer holidays, the provisions of the COVID-19 Infection Protection Regulation of the State of Berlin will apply during the Autumn holidays to travellers returning from risk areas. Every new case potentially means restricting school operation for the school affected and its pupil population.

Regular airing of rooms will also be an essential component of the hygiene measures during the cold months. We will provide schools with information on proper airing. For their well-being, please provide your children warm items for school for the airing times.

In order to ensure that school operation continues to be safe according to current scientific knowledge and practical experience, the Senate Administration has established a hygiene advisory board. Participants include representatives from science and medicine, school administrators and teachers as well as parent and pupil representatives from the State of Berlin. The hygiene board will further develop the existing sample hygiene plan and make suggestions for better organisation and communication of our measures. These will also include a COVID-19 classification plan. With its help public health departments together with school authorities will be able to regularly and systematically assess and classify current infection occurrences in every Berlin school and specify appropriate measures for school operation and hygiene rules. If the classification for your child's school changes, you will be informed about it immediately, and the school will prepare the necessary measures. These will usually take effect as of the Monday following the change in classification so that all families will have the opportunity to adjust to the new conditions. The COVID-19 classification plan will become effective during the week after the Autumn holidays. You will receive additional information about it from your child's school.

The goal of the classification plan and all other measures is that all schools will be able to remain open while protecting health. That is important for the well-being and education of our children, for reconciling family and work life and the functioning of our city. I therefore urge you: support your child again after the Autumn holidays in curbing the novel coronavirus in everyday school life. On the following page you will find links to many informative and helpful charts, videos and tips concerning infection protection in our schools. Much of this information is available in several languages.

I wish you and your children enjoyable and relaxing Autumn holidays. We are one Berlin. Let us act together wisely in this spirit during this challenging time.

With kind regards,



Sandra Scheeres
Senator for Education, Youth and Family of the State of Berlin

INFORMATION

Based on the occurrence of infection, information on operating schools under COVID-19 conditions is constantly updated on the websites of the Senate Department for Education, Youth and Family – in text, graphic and multimedia form.

Current
information

www.berlin.de/sen/bjf/coronavirus/aktuelles/schrittweise-schuloeffnung



Charts and
infographics

www.berlin.de/sen/bjf/coronavirus/aktuelles/grafiken-und-medien/#schaubilder



Videos and
media

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