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Updated information on school and school life

Dear pupils,
dear teachers and staff,
dear parents,

In the following, we would like to inform you briefly on the Corona opening steps communicated in the letter from the Hessian Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, Prof. Dr. R. Alexander Lorz.

According to the decision of the Heads of Government of the *Länder* and the Federal Chancellor on 16 February 2022 and the decisions of the Hessian State Government based on this decision, the Corona regulations will be gradually reduced in Hesse and also at schools.

The obligation to test three times a week for pupils who have not been vaccinated or have not recovered will remain in place for the time being. However, as of Tuesday, 22 February 2022, the duration of the testing rhythm, which has been increased from three to five tests per week after a case of infection in a class/learning group will be shortened from 14 days to 7 days. We recommend voluntary testing for pupils who have been vaccinated or have recovered.

As of **Monday, 7 March 2022**, pupils will no longer be required to wear a mask when seated. They can, of course, continue to wear a mask voluntarily. This is also recommended if a case of infection has occurred in a class. The obligation to wear a mask within the school building when not seated, for example in the corridors of the school, etc., will remain in force.

There is also a change in the Nursery School. The 10-day ban on visiting when a positive case occurs in a group can be ended early by presenting a negative rapid antigen test from a testing center (citizen test). The test can already take place on the day the positive case becomes known, so that a visit to the facility can already be continued from the following day on. It is also no longer necessary to pick up the children immediately on the day the positive case becomes known.

We have incorporated all the changes we have received from both the Ministry of Education and the Health Department into our FAQ document (highlighted in yellow) and replaced on our website.

The following links might also be helpful:

Test centers: <https://www.corona-test-hessen.de/> oder www.kvhessen.de/coronatests/

Information on quarantine rules: www.hessen.de.

Information from the Health Department: www.frankfurt.de/corona/quarantaene

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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