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To the parents of children of compulsory
school age (German-speaking section)

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COVID-19: Mandatory school closures and resumption of remote teaching on 20 April 2020 – learning never stops!

Dear parents and pupils,

Yesterday, the Federal Council provisionally decided to re-open Swiss primary and lower-secondary schools on 11 May 2020; it will make its final decision on 29 April 2020. What this means for you and your child/children is that the remote teaching regime introduced on 16 March 2020 will continue over the next three weeks.

All pupils of compulsory school age must continue with home learning. On Monday 20 April 2020, remote teaching will resume after the two-week school break. While schools and their teaching staff are responsible for providing the learning content, parents are responsible for setting a daily learning routine with and for their child/children, and providing them with a suitable space at home where they can study independently. DAZ teachers (German as a second language), specialist subject teachers and all other educators will do everything they can to offer their pupils the best possible distance learning experience. In practice, this means providing learning content that is adapted to the ability, age and degree of autonomy of your child/children, as well as their technological skills. The teaching staff will also continue to keep in touch with their pupils. If your child/children encounter(s) any problems, please contact their class teacher or specialist subject teacher as soon as you possibly can.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the patience, support and outstanding cooperation that you have shown during this public health crisis. You play a key and invaluable role in ensuring the successful management of the current situation and enabling your child/children to continue their education.

Pupils

It is important to remember that the schools may be closed but neither staff nor pupils are on holiday. While your child/children may not be receiving classroom instruction, their teachers will continue to regularly send them assignments and homework. Several factors – age, ability, degree of autonomy and home situation – determine the time they should

spend on their school assignments and homework. For children of compulsory school age, the following times apply:

- > 1H – 4H: from 30 to 120 minutes (maximum time per day)
- > 5H – 8H: from 145 to 250 minutes (maximum time per day)
- > 9H – 11H: from 240 to 270 minutes (maximum time per day)

Your child/children must complete the work set by their class teachers and specialist subject teachers. Teaching staff will also continue to stay in touch with their classes via mail, phone, email, the internet, the school website etc. They may also set aside time to chat with their pupils, assign tasks, give feedback and provide individual work packages.

It is important for the educational development of your child/children that they follow the instructions issued by their class teachers, specialist subject teachers and school principal.

There will be no summative evaluations (tests and exams) during the remote learning period. No scores, marks or teacher appraisals will be issued.

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Parents

As a parent, you are responsible for supervising the remote learning process. This involves ensuring that your child/children spend sufficient time on their assignments and homework, and that they follow the instructions issued by their class teacher and specialist subject teachers. Establishing a daily or weekly schedule, including time for breaks and recreational activities, will give your child/children structure and help them feel more secure. Agree on the rules and arrangements with your child/children. If there are any problems with the assignments, immediately contact the relevant teacher(s) or, where necessary, the school principal. In addition, schools will provide you with any support and guidance you might need to help your child/children continue their education at home. Please note that 2019/20 will count as a completed academic year. We will shortly issue further information regarding admission to post-compulsory education.

Teachers

Both class and specialist subject teachers may be contacted by pupils and parents at the agreed times and via the designated channels of communication.

You will find a home learning information leaflet (in German) on the school's website.

Thank you for all your support and perseverance in these extraordinary times.
Yours sincerely,



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