

23rd October 2020

Dear parents and students,

The past days and weeks have been a challenging time for us all and I would like to thank everybody for their readiness to cooperate and for their understanding. Despite our strict observation of the hygiene rules, the increase in the number of Corona cases meant that the health authority had no other option than to close our school for a number of days. The switch to distance learning had to happen at extremely short notice and I am sure that it was not easy, particularly for the students in the 1st form. Thankfully, everybody played their part to ensure that, on the whole, this happened successfully.

The authorities' strategy for how to proceed after the autumn break is expected to be announced on Friday, 30th October 2020. We are preparing for the following scenarios:

"Traffic light" – yellow:

- Normal lessons, while observing the hygiene rules

"Traffic light" – orange:

- Lower school: Normal lessons, while observing the hygiene rules
- Upper school: Distance Learning (shift patterns if possible)

"Traffic light" – red:

- All lessons in distance learning; supervision will be offered where possible (registration necessary) for students in the lower school

As soon as the authorities have communicated their decision, we shall inform you as soon as possible.

Sadly, my own illness with Covid-19 meant that I was not able to fully complete my plan to visit every class in the school and get to know the students before the autumn break. However, I am very much looking forward to visiting those classes whom I have not yet had the pleasure to meet.

Should any suspected or confirmed cases come to light in future, we will immediately inform those classes that are directly affected, as has been our policy until now.

I wish you a restful and restorative autumn break. However, it is also important to continue to observe the most important rules during this time: distance, masks and hand hygiene. I look forward to a normal resumption of the school year – as far as possible – on 3rd November 2020.

All best wishes,

Mag. Erich Schön

Principal