

Salzburg, 5th February 2021

School after the semester break
Unterstufe (Junior years, 1-4)

Dear parents, dear students,

Following the long distance learning phase, we will be able to hold **in-person lessons** again after the semester break. We are very glad to have this opportunity but we know that in order for the return to be successful, **prudence and cooperation** will be required from all sides.

Lessons in the Unterstufe will be held in a **shift** format. Classes will be split into groups A and B, which will alternate between Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday classes; students will work from home on the other days. Lessons on **Fridays** will generally run in **Distance-Learning** mode. The exact allocation of the groups, along with a calendar, will be sent out by the class teachers.

To ensure safety for all, the following rules apply during **face-to-face lessons**:

- Maintaining **distance**, regular practice of **hand hygiene**, and the mandatory wearing of **mouth and nose protection**, with breaks during the regular periods of **ventilation**.
- **Fixed seating plan**
- Compulsory performance of a **Covid self-test** ("Nasenbohrtest"): The tests are to be carried out by students on Mondays and Wednesdays at the start of the school day. Consent from a parent or guardian is required for this; participation is only possible if consent has been provided. In the past weeks, we have conducted these tests with the students present at school and have had positive experiences with them. I therefore ask you to allow your child to attend school and to give your consent for the self-tests to be carried out if this has not yet been given.

For those students who cannot be supervised at home on the days without in-person teaching, we are offering **supervision** at school. The obligation to perform self-tests described above also applies to these students. Registration for this supervision is necessary, and can be done using the attached form

Tagesbetreuung (after-school care) will also resume, under strict observance of hygiene rules.

We are confident that with mutual mindfulness and consideration the school can once again be a place of interaction and collaborative learning. I ask for your support in this, and wish us all good health.

Kind regards,

Erich Schön, *Principal*