

09th September 2021

Dear parents and students,

A warm welcome to you all in the school year 2021/22. We are looking forward to a vibrant school again from next week.

The current pandemic situation makes it necessary for us to be especially mindful and careful, which is why the following **regulations and measures** must be observed:

- **Face masks** must be worn outside the classroom.
- Observe **distancing rules**.
- Use of hand disinfectant and **regular handwashing**
- Floor markings and one-way systems on the stairs must be observed.
- Seating plans in the classrooms will be devised; for lessons in mixed groups (e.g. languages) students will be seated in blocks according to their form.
- Break-times should be spent in the classroom or in the yard.
- Moving between classrooms should take place at the end of break.
- Regular **airing of classrooms** and observation of coughing/sneezing etiquette are all important!

During **the first three weeks**, the “**safety period**”, all students and teachers will carry out regular Covid-tests. **Students younger than 14** need the consent of their parents to do this. Please **fill out the consent form and have it with you on the first day of school**.

Students will receive the “**Corona-Testpass**”, a test certificate which can be used to gain access to activities and events outside school.

With the pandemic situation in mind, we have made some minor adaptations to the schedule for **the first school day** of our **first formers**. To you we extend a special welcome and ask you and your parents to come to the entrance hall from 9.00am onwards: the start times for your short welcome and basic information talk have been staggered at 10-minute intervals. Following the welcome, students will proceed with their form teachers to their respective form rooms/homerooms, accompanied by *only one parent* who is invited to stay for the duration of the Covid-test.

Access to the school is generally only allowed with a **face mask** and a **valid “3-G-certificate”**.

For **Monday, September 13th**, please note the following schedule:

8:00am Written resit exams
9:00am **School start for form 1A (Entrance hall)**
9:10am **School start for form 1B (Entrance hall)**
9:20am **School start for form 1C (Entrance hall)**
9:30am **School start for form 1i (Entrance hall)**
9:45am School start for forms 2–8
12:35pm End of lessons for all year groups
2:00pm onwards Oral resit exams

May I finally ask you to **refrain from taking your child to school by car**. The cramped conditions in Zaunergasse quite frequently cause dangerous situations, and our school is very easily accessible by public transport.

Please pay attention to the attached **letter by the Minister of Education**.

I am very much looking forward to the new school year and send my best wishes for a good start to the new term and a successful school year to you all.

Mag. Erich Schön
Direktor