

Liedekerke, Tuesday 1 September 2020

Dear parent(s)

First of all, on behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you for your trust in our school. Together we will again make it a nice and instructive school year which hopefully - despite the current health crisis - will be as normal as possible.

Attached to this letter is an information leaflet that contains a lot of important school information that you can keep at home. In addition, you will also find some documents that need to be returned to the classroom teacher. **May I ask you to fill these out by Friday 4 September 2020 at the latest.**

The school regulations are not given in a paper version but can be consulted digitally at all times on our school website via the following link: <https://www.debij.be/schoolwerking/schoolreglement>.

In this way we do our ecological bit and together we try to reduce the paper mountain.

If you still want a paper version, you can always check it or request a duplicate at the school secretariat.

Below is an overview of the documents you will now receive:

- This welcome letter contains an overview of what is new this school year and the corona guidelines that apply to our school.
- An information leaflet containing a lot of information and 4 disease bills for the parents can be kept at home. →
- Updated contact information for students (**BLUE PAPER**) must → be filled in and returned to the classroom teacher.
- Consent form 'only to go home' where you can indicate whether your child is only allowed to go home or will be picked up by someone. (**GREEN PAPER**) must → be completed and returned to the classroom teacher, only when you make use of it.

Kind regards

Stanny De Block Director GO! Primary School The Bee



Customized daily schedule - change school hours

Our school hours were slightly adjusted compared to last school year. As you will see below, the school gates open a little earlier in the morning, the school starts 5 minutes earlier, the lesson blocks have been adjusted so that they are the same at both the kindergarten and the elementary school and the afternoon playing time has been abolished. We optimize and maximize the available lesson time.

At the end of the school day there is a closing moment with the teacher/master. Children can be picked up from 15h05. The paying childcare starts from 15h20.

Nursery and elementary school (Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday)	
6h45 - 8h05 - Paying shelter	
8h05 - 8h25 - School gates open - playtime with supervision	
8h25 - 10h05	Lesson Block - Lesson & Activities
10h05 - 10h20	Playtime
10h20 - 12h05	Lesson Block - Lesson & Activities
12h05 - 13h15	Afternoon break + playtime
13h15 - 14h55	Lesson Block - Lesson & Activities
14h55 - 15h10	Closing time in the classroom with the teacher/master, your child can be picked up from 15h05 onwards.
15h10 - 18h00	All other children go to the shelter. The paying childcare starts at 15h20.

Nursery and elementary school (Wednesday)	
6h45 - 8h05 - Paying shelter	
8h05 - 8h25 - School gates open - playtime with supervision	
8h25 - 10h05	Lesson Block - Lesson & Activities
10h05 - 10h20	Playtime
10h20 - 12h05	Lesson Block - Lesson & Activities
12h05 - 12h20	Pick up children, care by teacher
12h20 - 18h00	All other children go to the shelter. The paying childcare starts at 12h20.



Lunch - sandwiches and hot meals

- Eating the sandwiches will be done in class this school year. At the end of last school year we were forced by the corona guidelines to introduce this. After analysis, we found that eating sandwiches in the classroom had a positive effect on the well-being of the children. Everything went much quieter, more efficient and the children liked to have lunch together with their teacher.

You will also notice in the corona guidelines on the next page that in phase **YELLOW** we can use the school canteen. From phase **ORANGE onwards**, however, we are again obliged to eat in class (bubbles). By introducing this rule from the beginning this is immediately clear to everyone.
- Hot meals are consumed in the refectory. Two staff members of the shelter will pick up the children in the afternoon and help/support them where necessary. After the hot meal they can play with their friends on the playground.
- In view of the above changes, this school year **NO** separate soup sales will be offered. Unfortunately, this is not possible from an organizational point of view. Parents who already submitted an order form do not have to do anything. Your order will be automatically cancelled. Children who stay warm can of course still enjoy soup with their meal.

Compulsory education from 5 years

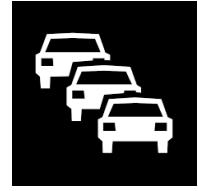
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From the school year 2020-2021 onwards, compulsory education will be reduced to 5 years. From now on, all children will have to learn from the age of 5.

All children born in the same calendar year become subject to compulsory education at the same time: on 1 September of the calendar year in which they turn 5 years.

They have to attend school for at least 290 half-days. An average school year has between 320 and 330 half-days.

More information can be found at: <https://onderwijs.vlaanderen.be/nl/elke-dag-naar-de-kleuterschool>.



Traffic situation Kleemputtenstraat

At the end of last school year, together with the school, the municipality of Liedekerke and the police (TARL), a pilot project was started with dynamic one-way traffic in the Kleemputtenstraat at the beginning and end of the school day.

This was tested for two weeks with very positive results. For this reason, it was decided to implement this dynamic one-way traffic as of this school year. Also in the course of September the parking spaces in the street will be redesigned.

Concrete:

- This one-way is only applicable during the starting and finishing times of the school.
- The modification concerns one-way traffic Kleemputtenstraat (road section Molenstraat/Affligemsestraat) - direction Molenstraat. Two-way traffic Lindestraat - direction Molenstraat will be maintained.
- In anticipation of the dynamic signs, someone from the municipality will place and remove the signs each time. The police will check the amended traffic regulations.





Swimming school year 2020-2021

This week we received confirmation from the municipality that our swimming sessions for the coming school year have been approved and confirmed. Swimming can take place as an outing within pandemic phase YELLOW and ORANGE. The municipal swimming pool also applies the necessary COVID measures and safety regulations.

At the beginning of the swimming period in the classroom, the class teacher will communicate the necessary instructions to the students.

L1A	11/09/2020, 25/09/2020, 16/10/2020, 30/10/2020, 20/11/2020
L1B	18/09/2020, 09/10/2020, 23/10/2020, 13/11/2020, 27/11/2020
L2A	11/09/2020, 25/09/2020, 16/10/2020, 30/10/2020, 20/11/2020
L2B	18/09/2020, 09/10/2020, 23/10/2020, 13/11/2020, 27/11/2020
L3A	30/11/2020, 14/12/2020, 11/01/2021, 25/01/2021, 08/02/2021
L3B	07/12/2020, 04/01/2021, 18/01/2021, 01/02/2021, 22/02/2021
L4A	30/11/2020, 14/12/2020, 11/01/2021, 25/01/2021, 08/02/2021
L4B	07/12/2020, 04/01/2021, 18/01/2021, 01/02/2021, 22/02/2021
L5A	04/03/2021, 18/03/2021, 01/04/2021, 29/04/2021
L5B	11/03/2021, 25/03/2021, 22/04/2021, 06/05/2021
L6A	04/03/2021, 18/03/2021, 01/04/2021, 29/04/2021
L6B	11/03/2021, 25/03/2021, 22/04/2021, 06/05/2021



Corona guidelines for education

Good news! The field of education and the education ministers of the different communities decided to fully start up primary education as of September 1st. Everyone can and may go to school! In this way we can guarantee the right to learn for every child.

Of course we understand the concern to send your child to school - given the current health crisis. The Ministry of Education has therefore decided to establish pandemic levels with concrete safety measures each time. In addition, our school itself also draws up a risk analysis.

These pandemic levels are represented by a color. Education starts from 1 September **pandemic phase YELLOW with great vigilance**. Only in municipalities where the pandemic situation is acute, it is possible to switch to another phase.



Below you can consult the measures for our school in pandemic phase **YELLOW**:

- Your child may come to school full time (5 days).
- From the moment you enter the school, wearing a mouth mask is mandatory for all adults.
- Large meetings are excluded. This also means that on the 1st day of school we do not gather on the playground with pupils, parents and teachers. At the ringing of the bell the children go with their teacher/master. There will be a fun (introductory) activity in the classroom.
- You may accompany your child in the morning on the school grounds (in the open air), provided that you observe the necessary safety measures (mouth mask, sufficient distance - 1.5m). We ask you to limit your presence to what is absolutely necessary. However, it is forbidden to enter the school buildings. Only when you have an appointment with a member of the school staff you are allowed to enter the building. You always have to report to the school secretariat first. In this case, we also ask you to disinfect your hands upon entry.
- At the end of the school day you can wait for your children on the domain. We have enough space to respect the social distancing.
- In the buildings we try to keep the distance between the classrooms (class bubbles) as much as possible.
- The school secretariat is free to ask questions. The staff is shielded by plexiglass. Following the safety regulations (mouth mask, keeping distance - 1.5m and disinfecting hands) also remain applicable here.
- Disembarkation (outside the school) can take place provided that the necessary safety measures are applied. As a school we choose to only allow outings to take place outside the school when they are essential for achieving the curriculum objectives and attainment targets.
- Extra hand hygiene remains applicable (after playing, lunch, ...). The children will also have to wash their hands regularly in class.
- During playtime (in open air) the children may play together. As always, toddlers and elementary school children each play on their own playground.
- The doors of the classrooms remain open as much as possible so that the sounds do not have to be touched and the classroom is ventilated as much as possible. CO2 meters were also purchased so that we can randomly measure the air quality in the classrooms.
- Each room has sufficient cleaning and disinfection equipment to be used throughout the day.
- If you wish to speak to a teacher, you should make an appointment with him/her beforehand. This can be done via Smartschool, mail (info@debij.be) or by phone (053/46.33.00). This contact will take place when there are no children present in the building or in a separate room.
- The pre- and after-school care takes place according to the normal timetable. Of course, they also apply the above regulations where necessary.

The above list is not exhaustive but gives you an idea of most of the important measures that have been taken. If necessary, an adjustment can be made after the first days of lessons to optimize the operation.