

Liedekerke, Monday 4 January 2021

Subject: school organization, COVID-19,...

Dear parent (s)

On behalf of the GO! Primary school De Bij wish you a healthy and safe 2021.



*Bewaak wat fijn is.
Of het nu groot
of klein is.
Hou vast wat raakt.
Laat los wat niet
gelukkig maakt.*

It is sometimes said that time flies, especially around the end of the year period, people often think about what they have experienced in the past year. The year that is now behind us is one to never forget (or maybe it will). The corona crisis shook the world quite a bit. But she has also awakened a lot of people, let us hold on to and cherish the positive things that this entire period has brought with it.

Be a bright spot for each other and enjoy the little things. Make a good year of it!

Warm greetings

Team 'De Bij'

Education = CODE ORANGE



Last Saturday, the Flemish government decided in consultation with education partners and virologists that education in code ORANGE will remain until the mid-term holidays. This means that the current corona measures (introduced since the autumn holidays) still apply today. We hope together with you for a safe and normal course in the coming period.

Excursions - Other special dates

All excursions (activities outside the school) will be canceled at least until the spring break. The only exception to this is:

- school swimming in the municipal swimming pool,
- ice skating with the toddlers (ice paradise),
- a visit to the forest, a walk, a traffic exercise,....

Ice skating for toddlers - Ice paradise	K2 + K3: Thursday January 7, 2021 K0 / 1A + B + C: Monday January 18, 2021
School	swimming L3B and L4B: 04/01/21, 18/01/21, 01/02/21 and 22/02 / 21 L3A and L4A: 11/01/21, 25/01/21 and 8/02/21 L5A and L6A: 04/03/21, 18/03/21, 01/04/21 and 29/04/21 L5B and L6B: 11/03/21, 25/03/21, 22/04/21 and 06/05/21

Other special dates:

CLB - Center for Pupil Guidance	L1 - group 1: consultation on Monday 11/01/21 L1 - group 2: consultation on Monday 25/01/21 K1 - group 1: toddler contact on Tuesday 19/01/21 K1 - group 2: toddler contact on Wednesday 20/01/21 K1 - group 3: toddler contact on Tuesday 26/01 / 21 K1 - group 4: nursery contact on Wednesday 27/01/21 K1 - group 5: nursery contact on Wednesday 3/02/21 L5: consultation / vaccinations on Thursday 4/2/21
Doedagen Secondary Education L5A + B <i>Remark: due to the current health crisis will take place in the classroom.</i>	L5B: Monday 18/01/21 L5A: Friday 22/01/21
Days off - school closed and no childcare	Friday 29/01/21
Parent contact + report 2 primary education	The parent contact will take place in the week from 8 to 12 February. You will receive more information about this shortly.

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masks in primary education - extension of the spring break The Flemish government has not yet taken a position on further measures such as the mandatory mouth mask in primary education, extension of the spring break, and an expert group will consider plan B. The evolution in the corona figures will play a crucial role in further action. We will hear more about this shortly.

For our school it is simple: we follow current regulations and government decisions.

We are therefore currently not taking any further measures unless the situation no longer permits it (eg corona outbreak in a certain class, causing mouth masks to be introduced there). Health measures are always taken in consultation with the CLB doctors and the prevention service of our School Group.

Tightening of corona rules for travelers

On Wednesday, December 30, 2020, the corona rules for travelers were tightened.

Anyone who returns from a red zone and has stayed there for more than 48 hours, will be required to be in quarantine for at least 7 days from 31 December. You will also need to have a corona test on Day 1 and Day 7 after your return. You are only allowed out of quarantine if you pass a negative PCR test after 7 days. The measure applies to Belgians and non-Belgians and will last at least until January 15th.

In order to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect the children and staff members at our school, it is important to respect these new stricter travel rules.

If you or your child belong to this group, the school must be informed. This can be done via 053 / 46.33.00 or info@debij.be.

More information can be found here:

- Travel advice: https://diplomatie.belgium.be/nl/Services/Op_reis_in_het_buitenland/reisadviezen
- Color codes countries / areas: <https://diplomatie.belgium.be/nl> (at the bottom of the page)
- Extensive article media: <https://www.vrt.be/vrtnews/nl/2020/12/30/coronaregels-voor-re-Travelers->

aangescherpt-verplichte-quarantaine Increased vigilance for disease symptoms

A period is coming when the flu season will coincide with (a flare-up of) the corona virus. We want to continue to focus on health and ensure a safe learning and working environment for the children and staff members at the school. In addition, we want to do as much as possible to avoid people coming to school sick, spreading the virus and then others taking it home.

So we are introducing increased vigilance for disease symptoms of the coronavirus.

These symptoms are: excessive coughing, shortness of breath, fatigue, stuffy nose, sore throat, loss of smell and taste, diarrhea,

We use the step-by-step plan of Education Flanders (see below). If your child is present at school with 1 (or) more of the above complaints, we will contact you by telephone.

More information: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/nl/wat-is-het-coronavirus/>.

