



Liedekerke, Monday March 22, 2021

Dear parent (s)

Yesterday, the ministers of education (of the federal states) announced extra safety measures to limit the risk of infections as much as possible for the next 2 weeks up to the Easter holidays.

Below you can find the measures taken, each with a clarification for each part.

These are in addition to the existing measures that were already in place.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact us via Smart School, e-mail(directie@debij.be) or by phone (053 / 46.33.00).

Thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility. We certainly understand that this again requires a lot of effort from everyone.

On behalf of the school team 'De Bij'.

Kind regards

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Director GO! Primary school De Bij

Change report period 3 + parent contact

In view of the current epidemiological situation, it is advisable that no parent contacts take place at the moment (and therefore no physical care contacts). We therefore move report period 3 (lower) and the parent contact (toddler + lower) to a later period. We realize that in the next 2 weeks it will be a challenge for both parents and staff to organize everything organized. In this way we like to offer everyone some breathing space.

Report 3 + the targeted parent contact will take place in the week of 26 to 29 April 2021.

Closure of school restaurant + food in the classroom

- The school restaurant will be closed. So will **no** hot food longer be offered. Parents whose children eat hot food will upcoming meals **not** be charged for.
So remember to give your child sandwiches in the afternoon from Tuesday 23/03/2021 until the Easter holidays.
- Children should eat in the classroom or in the open air with their teacher. This was already the case at our school and will continue to be maintained.



Mouthat school

masks In view of the many questions that come from parents, a position was taken at school level with regard to mouth masks until the Easter holidays.

- **Nursery department:** no obligation, not even necessary to have one in the school bag.
- **1st grade:** No obligation, but please give a mask in a plastic bag in the briefcase if necessary.
- **2nd stage:** no obligation, but highly recommended to wear. We also ask that you always include a mouth mask in a plastic bag in the satchel if necessary.
- **Third degree:** mouth mask required! Flemish government decision.

If you want your child to wear a mouth mask at school, you as a parent are of course free to decide.

If - for whatever reason - it is not possible to provide your child with a mouth mask, you can always let the school know. We will then provide your child with a reusable mouth mask (which you must wash yourself daily).

Playing times separated into class groups

Just like last school year, our playground will be divided into sections so that the class groups can play separately. We are lucky to have a large domain that makes it possible to organize this.

In heavy rainy weather, the class will stay with the teacher.

Lesson in class bubbles

We temporarily stop working across class (eg lessons in level groups, reading groups,...) with the parallel year. The lessons always continue with their own classroom teacher.

Getting out and bus transport

Since we already apply fairly strict rules for getting out and bus transport, very little changes here.

- Bus transport (with our own school bus or external partners) will be canceled until the Easter holidays. If the class group does an excursion, this will be done on foot or by bicycle.
- You can still get out, but always with your own class group and in the open air. The limited activities that were planned indoors in the coming period (e.g. the library game in the library) will be canceled.
 - ⇒ **The only exception:** the school swimming for L5 and L6 can still continue. The students move on foot or by bicycle in their own class group.

Before and after-school care

In the before and after-school care, stricter guidelines apply up to and including the Easter holidays.

- We ask all parents to **only use the childcare when there is really no other option**.
- Childcare is organized outside as much as possible.
- When it rains, the daycare is exceptionally held indoors (toddlers and lower in a separate building, as is already the case). **All primary school children** who are in day care are **obliged** to wear a mouth mask.

Increased vigilance from 1 infection in a class

- From 1 infection in a class, this class is quarantined.
Attention! This measure only applies in municipalities where, according to the RAG (Risk Assessment Group), an increased vigilance applies. The municipality of Liedekerke is not covered by this until further notice.
You can find the existing list of the municipalities in question [here](#). The RAG frequently updates the list.
- The CLB can apply other, stricter guidelines when necessary due to the local situation.
- Distance learning is always started for the students of the class (s) in quarantine.

Keeping adult contacts to a minimum

- Only come to school in the morning and evening to pick up your child. Don't keep chatting with other parents. We understand that this social contact is important, but at the moment the situation does not allow it.
- If you do come together with several adults (eg waiting for your child), we always ask you to keep a minimum distance of 1.5 meters.
- If your child is absent, you can report this via Smartschool, by telephone (053 / 46.33.35) or by SMS (0493 / 09.68.71). Do not visit school to report this.
- If you still have to come to school because your child has forgotten, for example, gymnastics bag or lunch, we ask that you drop this off at the secretariat and not go to class yourself.
- The number of essential third parties at the school is limited. Unfortunately, external services (such as people from the support team) are no longer allowed to visit our school. In consultation with those involved, we look at how we can accommodate certain care ourselves.