

Liedekerke, Friday March 26, 2021

Dear parent (s)

On Wednesday, March 24, the National Consultation Committee decided far-reaching measures to combat the rising virus curve. Afterwards, the Flemish Minister of Education also sat with all parties to make agreements about the practical organization.

Yesterday (03/25) several educational umbrella organizations, including the GO! Education of the Flemish Community, also to close the kindergartens because of the many uncertainties and concerns.

**On the basis of our social mission, we will provide emergency shelter for parents who do not have the opportunity to take care of their child (ren) themselves.**

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

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

My apologies in advance for this change.  
Thanks in advance for your understandings.

Kind regards

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## Closure of kindergarten and primary school and suspension of lessons

- **Kindergarten:**

Due to the last decision taken yesterday, the kindergarten will also be closed in the week from Monday 29/03/21 to Friday 02/04/21.

- **Elementary School:**

Classes in elementary school (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> are suspended grade). There will be **no** (digital) distance will be organized from Monday to Friday 29/03/21 02/04/21. The children get an extra week of Easter holidays.

☑ A work bundle will be given with the children. This contains repetition exercises of the already seen material. In this way we try to prevent the 'forgetting' of the lesson material so that we can immediately pick up the thread after the Easter holidays.

Making this bundle is not mandatory, but we hope that you as a parent will encourage your child to make it. The classroom teacher is always available via Smartschool if you have any questions.



## Closure certificate for employer

On our website (<https://debij.be/extra-coronamwoningen-onderwijs/>) you can download an official closure certificate that you can send to your employer to request leave.

## Emergency shelter nursery and primary school

Our school will provide emergency shelter for parents who have to work and have no opportunity to take care of their child themselves. Emergency reception opening hours: from 7am to 5pm.

This is limited in number (20 places for toddler and 40 places lower) and registration must be done in advance. If the limit has been reached, you will notice that you can no longer register for this emergency shelter.

You can register for the emergency shelter up to and including **Saturday 27/03/2021**.

The registration form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/Ys9zYPK8jz6QKogd7>.

## Special needs pupils, pupils who drop out of classes,...

The strength of our school is that we strive for quality education tailored to each child, even if that child needs some extra support or help. We will therefore not drop these children next week!

Parents of children with extra needs or who have been in quarantine during the past class period resulting in a class drop-out will be called by the class teacher to come to school for a moment next week.

During this time, these children in very small groups of the same class will receive extra explanation / help or lessons will be made up.

This initiative is always without obligation and with the consent of the parents. During this time, the safety guidelines are also respected and we ask your child to give a mouth mask in a plastic bag.

## The staff continues to work!

I think it is important to mention that the staff will continue to work. For example, premises and areas will be thoroughly serviced, chores will be carried out and emergency shelter organized.

Teachers take the opportunity to plan third trimester lessons, develop new didactic materials, meet to improve the quality of education and make plans to tackle the learning gap due to corona.