

Liedekerke, Sunday 28/11/2021



Subject: corona measures education from Monday 29/11/2021

Dear parent (s)

Last week I announced new corona measures via a parent letter. However, the situation in our country is so serious that our government and education partners have announced stricter measures to reverse the corona situation.

These measures are currently in effect until the Christmas holidays.

The virus is everywhere at the moment and the situation is to some extent more serious than in the previous waves.

The municipality of Liedekerke is currently in the alert phase due to the faster increase in infections. Also at school we notice that a lot of children/parents are sick, waiting for their results and the first positive test results are coming in.

I therefore ask that you follow the measures below carefully so that we can reduce the corona curve together and relax the measures again.

Several of the guidelines below are a repeat of the previous letter and remain unchanged. What is new or modified from the previous communication will be marked with the word '**UPDATE**'.

If you have any questions, you can always contact us via Smartschool, e-mail (direction@debij.be) or by telephone (053/46.33.00).

Best regards
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Overview guidelines from 29/11/2021

- **UPDATE** - We will temporarily stop class-breaking work (eg level groups between L1A and L1B, reading groups, ...) and thus try to avoid class groups being mixed with each other. That means that every class will again 'live' in a bubble.
- **UPDATE** – Students are given a permanent place as much as possible. Of course we still want to give the class group the opportunity to work in a differentiated way. The teacher will always keep a class arrangement when the students work in groups within the class.
- **UPDATE** – The planned one-day trips will continue. The rules that apply in society are applied here. For the coming weeks, however, these will be limited to swimming, a trip to the library, If one of these organizations cancels this activity, we will inform the parents involved.



- **UPDATE** - Attendance of third parties/externals at school is strictly limited and allowed only when necessary to achieve curriculum goals or to meet specific care needs for particular children. The party working group will meet digitally on Monday to see how we can have Sinterklaas come by as corona test as possible.
 - **UPDATE** – Test and tracing strategy CLB
 - Due to the extra high infection pressure within the schools due to Covid-19 and the influx of reports, the CLB currently has to set priorities. For this reason, the CLB will no **low-risk letters** longer deliver for COVID. The CLB will focus on detecting cluster infections, high-risk contacts, mandatory quarantines for a class,
 - From now on, from **3 infections** the 'emergency braking procedure' will come into effect in a class. The CLB doctor will then decide whether or not it is a cluster infection and the entire class must be quarantined. You will always be informed of the decision by the school.
 - **UPDATE** - Mouthmask for parents, staff,
 - Staff members of all grades in primary education also wear a mouth mask in class when they can't keep their distance, so also when they walk around.
 - Everyone who walks on the school domain is **obliged** to wear a mouth mask (also in open air). We also ask that you always apply the principle of social distancing and that you always keep a sufficient distance (at least 1.5 meters) when waiting for your child. **So you can still wait at the buildings where your child is.**
 - The buildings remain accessible only when necessary. When you have an appointment with a staff member or you visit the secretariat, a mouth mask is also mandatory for both parents and staff.
 - **UPDATE** - The before and after school care will remain open but only for parents who really need it for their work. In case of doubt, an employer's certificate can be requested.
 - The toddlers will continue to have the K0/1 block as a shelter.
 - Primary school care continues in the refectory. There the students per class / bubble sit together at a table **OR** everyone separately with sufficient distance from each other. The choice depends on the moment and numbers and is made by the reception staff.
 - **UPDATE** - Warm meals will be kept. However, the children eat their hot food per class/bubble at a table. The children who eat sandwiches still do this as usual in the classroom with the teacher.
 - The mouth masks in the 5th and 6th grade retained for pupils and staff.
 - If there is sufficient distance (1.5 meters) **and** ventilation, the mouth mask can be taken off inside when the students are sitting still.
 - The mouth masks can be removed outside if the students avoid intense physical contact.
- May we always ask your child to bring a mouth mask to school!**



- Ventilating and ventilating remains very important to stop the coronavirus (and other viruses). Our classrooms and other areas all already have a CO2 meter. When we determine that the threshold value has been exceeded and the air quality is no longer good, the teacher will provide extra ventilation.
- We continue to apply regular hand hygiene and/or disinfection to prevent virus spread (after playtime, before eating...).
- If your child is absent due to quarantine/isolation, it will be looked into internally whether distance learning can be started and in what form this will take place. This is discussed with the parents. If it is not possible to install this (eg due to too many absentees at school), we will also inform the parents involved.
- **Increased vigilance for symptoms of illness**
 - o We want to continue to focus on health and ensure a safe learning and working environment for the children and staff at the school. In addition, we want to try as much as possible to avoid people coming to school sick, spreading the virus and then taking it home with others.
 - o So there remains an increased vigilance for symptoms of the coronavirus.
These symptoms are: excessive cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, stuffy nose, sore throat, loss of sense of smell and taste, diarrhoea,
If your child is present at school with 1 (or) more of the above complaints, we will contact you by telephone. If your child has such symptoms at the start of the school day, we ask that you keep him/her at home and consult a doctor if necessary.