

Dear parents, dear students

A happy new year from all of us here at Paulinum. We hope you were able to enjoy a restful winter break. Unfortunately, the overall epidemiological situation does not permit face-to-face lessons at the schools in North Rhine-Westphalia until January 31, 2021. All students will continue to learn remotely until then.

We just received an email from the education department that I am forwarding for your information. In addition, I would like to specify some aspects with regard to our school:

Distance learning: On Monday, January 11, 2021, the school day begins with a staff meeting at 8.15 am. At 9 am lessons for all students start with a video conference hosted by the respective class/grade teachers via TEAMS. In these meetings, the general further approach to distance learning will be presented.

In the 3rd lesson (10.05 am), distance learning in the different subjects will begin based on the previously discussed agreements. The modified lesson schedule remains in effect until January 31, 2021 (lessons start at 8.15 am, see attachment).

In the event of illness, please notify the school office as usual by 8.15 am.

Class work and exams: In January 2021, no more class work or exams will be written in grades 5 up to and including EF. Distance learning will be graded as oral participation in the lessons. All exams of Q1 and Q2 as well as oral exams will take place at the school as scheduled under observance of the known hygiene rules (mask requirement, social distance, ventilation).

Emergency care: In order to prevent the spread of the corona virus to the greatest possible extent, presence contacts should be widely reduced. Parents of students in grades 5 and 6 can, however, receive emergency child care in exceptional cases if they can't care for their children at home. Since the teachers are involved in distance teaching, we have to organize any emergency care by non-pedagogical staff early on. If you, dear parents of grades 5 and 6, need to sign up for emergency care for your child in the coming week, please send us the application via email by 12 noon tomorrow so we have a reliable planning basis. The application form is attached to this email. If you need ongoing emergency care, please continue to inform us in a timely manner and by using this form.

Digital devices: Last year we carried out a large-scale survey to determine how well-equipped our students' homes are for the purpose of participating in distance learning. Based on this data, our class and grade teacher teams will lend out school-owned devices as necessary.

Dear parents, dear students, I am aware of how challenging another period of distance learning is for you all. But rest assured: We will do our best to meet this challenge together with you and your children. The experiences of the past and your positive feedback have shown that we can develop successful learning experiences together, and we will achieve good results. I will keep you up to date on all further developments.

Stay healthy!

Warm regards from Paulinum

Dr. Tobias Franke