

Dear parents of De Schakel,

As you may have heard, the schools will reopen on Monday 8 February. We are happy about this. We think this is good news for the children. However, it is true that we, the teachers, do have questions / concerns about safety. Our government has drawn up clear guidelines to ensure that it is as safe as possible in schools. We are therefore working hard to organize education in such a way that we comply with these new guidelines. Below is a list of agreements that we use to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Agreements to reopen schools Monday 8 February 2021:

- * Do not come to school too early and go home immediately after school.
- * Children in groups 4 to 8 prefer to come to school independently, parents are allowed in any case not on the playground.
- * Of the children in groups 1-3, a maximum of 1 parent may enter the square, but preferably none parents. Parents keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters from each other on the square.
- * Children stay in the square until the teacher comes to pick them up.
- * Children gather with the teacher before entering.
- * All children go to school from 08:30 to 14:15 or from 08:45 to 14:30.
- * Groups 1-2a, 1-2b, 4, 5 and 8 go to school from 08:30 to 14:15 (Wednesday from 08.30 to 12.15)
- * Groups 3, 6, 7 attend school from 8.45 am to 2.30 pm (Wednesday from 8.45 am to 12.30 pm)
- * We use different inputs: 1-2a and 1-2b Main entrance on the square 3 and 4 Side entrance on the square 5 and 7 Tellegenstraat entrance on the square 6 and 8 Emergency entrance next to KSE at the fire escape gate (students know where)
- * In the classrooms we adhere to the guidelines of the RIVM with regard to ventilation. The Windows will not be wide open but there is ventilation. So it can be a bit colder than normal in the classroom. Please take this into account in terms of your child's clothing.
- * Face masks: Because groups 7 & 8 do not meet each other at school it is not mandatory for children to wear a mouth mask at school. The advice of the RIVM applies to students from those groups when they walk down the corridors and run into each other. This is not the case with us, however, wearing a mouth mask is allowed and this is one choice of you as a parent (and child). Also for teachers, wearing a mouth mask is not mandatory. Still, there may be teachers who do wear a face mask. This is a choice of the relevant teacher self.
- * The next week all gym and technique lessons have been canceled
- * The extra guidance for students who received this before the lockdown on Monday afternoon school, will be canceled for the coming period. We will let you know when it will return is resumed.
- * If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, or would like to report something, we request that you to contact us by email.

* Take your Chromebook and charger to school on Monday! Put it in a sturdy bag to prevent damage and make sure your Chromebook is CHARGED.

* Note: The school is closed in the afternoon on Friday February 12th. This was already planned (see also calendar). so the classes that start this day at 8.30 am to 11.45 am to school and the classes that start at 8.45 am and go to school until 12 noon.

Finally:

Below are a few more guidelines:

Stay at home:

- Stay at home with complaints related to the corona virus.
- Primary school pupils are not allowed to go to school if they have a cold. In case of a running nose, sneezing or coughing.
- Stay at home if a housemate has a fever or shortness of breath in addition to mild symptoms.
- Stay at home if a close contact or family member has corona.
- If the school finds that certain pupils have such complaints during school that it is not considered justified to leave these children at school, the school will contact the parents of the pupil in question and they will have to go home.
- In the event that a pupil ends up at home, the teacher agrees with the parents how we do it get the Chromebook home to the student. This because of working from home.

Keep distance:

- Staff keep 1.5 meters away from each other.
- Personnel remain separated, even during breaks and after school, for contact moments in between staff as much as possible.
- Staff and students do not have to keep a distance of 1.5 meters from each other. However, this is desirable where possible. This certainly applies to the higher groups.
- Pupils do not have to keep a distance of 1.5 meters from each other.

- Preferably work in fixed groups of children (groups 7 & 8.). The children of these groups have fixed seats at our school.

- Groups separate break times as much as possible. This has been realized at our school.

Quarantine

- If a child or teacher from a certain group is infected with the Coronavirus, the entire group will be quarantined for 5 days. Then anyone who has tested negative after these 5 days can come back to school. If no negative test is present, the quarantine is extended by 5 days.

- In case a class has to be quarantined, the school management takes over the communication about this with the parents of the group. This because of the laws and regulations in the field of protection of personal data / privacy.

- In that case, we are all prepared for a smooth transition to distance learning from home.

We are happy to see you all at school again!

Team De Schakel

Latest news 06-02-2021

Dear parents,

The OMT (government) has adapted the advice on whether or not to go to school in case of a cold. I already wrote in my previous email that this might change. Late yesterday evening, we received this changed opinion.

The advice now means that children with cold symptoms, such as sniffing, runny nose, coughing and / or sneezing, should also stay at home. Only when your child is free for 24 hours (or sooner if your child has been tested negative), your child is allowed to go back to school.

We would also like to ask you to schedule appointments with external parties such as a general practitioner, dentist or speech therapy after school as much as possible. If children have to go to an external appointment during school hours, they cannot come back to school until the next day.

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