

Information about the testing procedure in the last week of school before the Christmas holidays and about the start of the optimised "lolly testing procedure" after the Christmas holidays

Dear Parents,

Thanks to the excellent cooperation of all those involved, and thus also thanks to your dedication, the classroom lessons could be maintained until the end of the year in the interests of your children. Therefore, we would like to thank you for your support at the end of the year.

Through well-coordinated communication between the laboratories, schools and yourselves, it has so far been possible to make the information about test results available to all those involved at the agreed times. This means that in the event of a positive test result, participation in the lessons is immediately possible again for the children, while ensuring the greatest possible safety for the health of all school pupils. If individual delays have occurred due to the significantly higher workload of the laboratories, or if this happens in the future, we ask for your understanding.

From the start of school on 10 January 2022, we will simplify the lolly testing procedure, so that in future the pupils will provide an individual sample at school in the morning, in addition to the pool sample, so that in the event of a positive pool test result, the individual samples can then be tested by the laboratories immediately. We have already informed you about this in the SchulMail (school mail) of 16 November 2021. The change means that if a pool test is positive, you as the parent/guardian no longer have to separately provide an individual sample from your child to the school. In this way, we save your children a day of home isolation in the event of a positive pool test result. Specifically, this means: All school pupils whose individual samples have a negative test result can participate in classroom lessons again the next morning.

As the parent/guardian, you will be informed of the result directly by the laboratory, using the registered pupil data.

Therefore, it is imperative that you keep your contact details registered with the school **up to date at all times and inform the school immediately of any changes**.

Especially in light of this change in the testing procedure when school starts again, we would like to expressly ask you to not contact the laboratories directly if you have any questions, and instead to contact the school, if necessary, during this transition period.

In addition, we would like to draw your attention to the following changes in the testing timetable:

1. Testing timetable in the last week of school before the Christmas holidays

In the last week before the holidays, all children will take part in a pool test on 22 December 2021. This will ensure that your children can all go on holiday with the greatest possible safety. An overview of the modified testing timetable before the Christmas holidays is available in the [education portal](#). The existing testing procedure will remain in place until the Christmas holidays. This means that in the event of a positive pool test result, you should please take the individual sample from your child directly to school.

If your child has to provide an individual sample at school on the last day before the holidays for the purpose of further checking the pool, we would like to point out that this **individual test result will be sent to you directly by the laboratory on the morning of the following day**,

24 December 2021. As parents, you can then take the next steps required in the event of a positive individual sample.

2. Testing timetable in the first week of school after the Christmas holidays

In order to ensure the safest possible school start in the new year, all pupils must provide a pool and individual sample as part of the PCR lolly testing on Monday 10 January 2022. Thereafter, the testing timetable will continue on the basis already known to you and published in the [education portal](#), from the following Wednesday onwards. We ask for your understanding that the increased number of tests at the laboratories can lead to delays in reporting the pool and individual test results. Pupils who are in a pool that tests positive, and whose individual test results are not yet available, will remain in so-called home isolation on Tuesday 11 January 2022, until the results of the individual tests are available.

You can increase the safety for everyone, and help ensure a healthy return of your child to school, by also using the citizen testing opportunities regularly during the Christmas holidays.

We will be happy to assist you if you have any urgent questions.

We wish you a relaxing festive season and a good start to the new year.

Best regards,
School Management