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Legal Guardians of  
Primary School [Grundschule] Children

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Dear Legal Guardians

### **Framework requirements for school lessons from 11.01.2021 to 31.01.2021**

In light of the high infection numbers, the Minister-Presidents of the Federal States together with the Chancellor took the decision on 05.01.2021 to extend the measures imposed from 13.12.2020 to 31.01.2021, which also continue to affect day care centres [KITAS] and schools and which also mean the suspension of school attendance except for students preparing for school-leaving examinations.

As a consequence, the following framework requirements apply to all primary schools [Grundschulen] in Saarland up to the end of January 2021:

- **From Monday 11.01.2021 to 31.01.2021** school attendance for all primary school classes remains suspended. That means that, as a general rule, **there will be no lessons for children at primary school, but 'learning from home' instead.**
- **Compulsory schooling** is generally applicable to children 'learning from home'.
- As before, **a modified educational programme on the respective school premises will be offered** in the morning to primary school children. Legal guardians should enrol their children on this programme by Tuesday at the latest for the following week.
- The rules in the current sample hygiene plan issued by the Federal State of Saarland on 17.11.2020 also apply to school attendance programmes. Particular attention is to be paid to the rule that all children **must wear a face covering** the whole time that they are at school.
- **The voluntary all-day school programme [FGTS]** will continue for the children enrolled on the programme in the same manner as before. Legal guardians should also confirm

participation in the FTGS programme by Tuesday for the following week. In order to provide some relief during lockdown to families with children requiring care the Federal State of Saarland will pay two thirds of the FGTS parent fees for the month of January. Please only make use of the care service if your child cannot be supervised at home.

- The above rules also apply to **compulsory all-day schools [Gebundene Ganztagschulen]**. The previously mentioned modified educational programme will run at school before the lunch break. As a general rule, a warm meal is provided in the lunch break. This is followed by leisure activities until **what would normally be the end of the school day**. The above rules on the suspension of school attendance apply analogously to compulsory all-day schools. The legal guardians of the children decide whether and to what extent their children take part in the activities mentioned. In this case, too, legal guardians should enrol their children for the programme by Tuesday for the following week.
- The structure for the supervision by teachers of the **'learning from home'** programme is dependent on the organisational conditions prevailing at the school. **All schoolchildren will continue to receive learning material for learning at home.** This will be provided via learning platforms such as the Online School Saarland [OSS], by email or other digital or analogue channels.
- It is important that 'learning from home' is supervised by teachers and that the **children's availability is guaranteed**.

Naturally, we will advise you as early as possible on further provisions for lessons from 01.02.2021 onwards.

Best wishes and many thanks for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

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