

**Corona protection regulation Information from the school authority
!!! Update 3.1 !!!**

**20.3.2020 / 6.00 p.m.
22.3.2020/12.00 p.m.
Updates: red**

Dear parents, dear students,

The regulations of March 3rd 2020 have now been updated with regard to emergency care. The updates are highlighted in red. All other additions are editorial ones.

Emergency care: expansion of professional groups and eligibility requirements

Only the care of children of parents who are particularly important in the job fields of medical care or public security and other critical infrastructures can be ensured. Until further notice, all other parents and children are prohibited from entering daycare facilities.

You will find a catalogue of these key occupations in the appendix to this letter. Parents who belong to the professional groups listed there are welcome to bring their children to the care.

As of March 21st 2020, it is sufficient for ONE parent to belong to the professional groups listed in order to partake in our emergency care program.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Nikolich, nikolich@obermayr.com, Tel. 0611-3601539-12.

Obermayr Daycare Centers:

- **in Taunusstein:**
Kita Im Obergrund, Im Obergrund 11, 65232 Taunusstein
Ms Susanne Loos, head of Kita im Obergrund; Email: obergrund@obermayr.com
- **in Wiesbaden:**
Children aged 3 years and older:
Rosenkindergarten, Rosenstraße 6/8, 65189 Wiesbaden
Mrs Sona Schuster, Head of Rosen Kindergarten: Email: rkg@obermayr.com
- Children less than 3 years old:
Krippe Rosinchen, Gustav-Freytag-Straße 16, 65189 Wiesbaden
Ms Jessica Thomas, head of Rosinchen; Email: rosinchen@obermayr.com
- **in Schwalbach am Taunus:**
Kita Pebbles, Am weißen Stein, 65428 Schwalbach a.Ts.
Ms Kirsten Becher, Head of Schwalbach: Email: pebbles@obermayr.com

Please note that in order to partake in our emergency care programme, proof of belonging to the relevant groups listed is required. You can find a form on our homepage below our news.

For all children who are in emergency care or want to be included, the following requirements must be met. Please note that we cannot make any exceptions:

- The child must not have any symptoms of illness.
- The child must not have been in contact with infected people within the last 14 days.
- The child has not been in a risk area for infections with the SARS-CoV-2 within the last 14 days.

It is the responsibility of the parents to carefully check whether these conditions are met. Only then can the children join one of the Obermayr daycare centres.

Temporary suspension of the obligation to pay (declaration of intent):

In legal and factual terms, we provide for the contractual partners to be released from the obligation to pay the daycare fee as of April 1st, 2020. My suggestion is: March 2020 will be settled as previously agreed. From April 1, 2020 on, monthly payments are expected to be suspended, if no care is provided.

There is currently still a need for coordination with the municipalities. I want to avoid short-time working for our employees. However, especially for the Wiesbaden institutions, I do not see a willingness on the part of the municipality to equate our employees in Wiesbaden according to the ideas of other performance-financed independent organizations.

We will make a binding statement to you by March 26th, 2020.

Obermayr-Schools in Wiesbaden, Taunusstein, Rüsselsheim and Schwalbach a.Ts.

Emergency care in schools and after-school care centres: expansion of occupational groups and eligibility requirements

Only the care of children of parents who are particularly important in the job fields of medical care, public security and other critical infrastructures can be ensured. Until further notice, all other parents and children are prohibited from entering our schools.

You will find a catalogue of these key occupations in the appendix to this letter. Parents who belong to these professional groups are welcome to bring their children to our schools.

As of March 21st, 2020, it is sufficient if ONE parent belongs to the professional groups listed.

Applications for schoolchildren are to be sent to - depending on the school attended - to for **Wiesbaden**: Ms. Lathomus, lathomus@obermayr.com, Tel. 0611-3601539-41 or the administration of the previously visited Obermayr school.

For **Taunusstein**: Ms. Dörr, email: taunusstein@obermayr.com, Tel. 06128-853760

For **Schwalbach**: Ms. Elfeber, email: iss@obermayr.com; Tel. 06196-76859-0

Emergency care for classes 1-6 is set up at the following schools:

Taunusstein:

Neuhof campus, primary school, Auf dem kleinen Feld 5, 65232 Taunusstein
Fabian Buchholz, buchholz@obermayr.com, Tel. 06128-853760

Wiesbaden:

Elementary school, Bierstadter Straße 14, 65189 Wiesbaden (Access is via Rosenstrasse 1)
Daniel Gackj, Ms. Slawinska, B15@obermayr.com, 0611-99138-0

Schwalbach:

OIS, primary school, Am Weißen Stein, 65824 Schwalbach
Sandra McCoy, iss@obermayr.com, 06196-76859-0

For the use of the emergency care, we require proof of belonging to the relevant groups of people. You can find a form on our homepage under the heading news.

For all children who are in emergency care or should be included in this, the following requirements have to be met:

- The child must not have any symptoms of illness.
- The child must not have been in contact with infected people within the last 14 days.
- The child has not been in a risk area for infections with the SARS-CoV-2 within the last 14 days.

It is the responsibility of the parents to carefully check whether those conditions are met. Only then can the children join one of the Obermayr schools / daycare centres.

Information on the Abitur examination (updated: 22.03.2020, 12.00 p.m.)

The written Abitur exams in Wiesbaden-Erbenheim and Schwalbach a.Ts. will take place as planned. The students are asked to keep a safe distance of 2 meters from each other and from the teachers, to leave the school building individually after completing the exam and to take the direct route home as well as to abstain from physical contact with others (hugs, handshakes etc.).

Information on home schooling

As of March 18th, 2020, all students have received a home schooling programme (HS programme) via their parents' private email addresses. The daily workload is based on the following guidelines:

School level	Class 1-2	Class 3-4	Class 5-10	Class 11-13
Hours per day	2-3 hours	3-4 hours	4-5 hours	More than 6 hours

These times represent the actual learning times of the learner. Preparations and interruptions are exclusive; so is the time needed for watching educational films.

The class teachers coordinate the daily learning tasks, which are summarised in an HS overview sheet, and pass them on to you. In future, this sheet should, if possible, be sent on the day before by 6:00 p.m., so that you as parents can plan the next day with your child.

The [HS overview sheet](#) can be found in the attachment. It is used in grades 1-11.

The principles of home schooling are summarised on the enclosed checklist. This checklist is intended to give you guidance: what has been done? What is still open? Are the principles of home schooling reflected in my arrangement? What do I have to prepare for next week? Discuss the points with your child if necessary.

The teachers will provide you with tips or solutions for tasks as needed. This gives you the opportunity to check your child's results, or even better, your child independently evaluates the results and makes corrections if necessary. Learning with solution aids is more effective than sending completed tasks to the teacher. This serves more as a general rule - there are of course always exceptions.

You will receive the interim assessments by April 4th, 2020. Only the grades for the assessment period from February 1, 2020 to March 13, 2020 are given, broken down by

- written grade
- other service (oral)
- absent days / times.

There will be no description of behaviour (willingness to learn, reliability / care, independence). The Consoles learning platform (or the Dropbox for primary schools) has now been set up. You should have the access data.

Until the Easter holidays 2020 there will be no assessment situations for grades (only development and processing situations). Performance assessments are planned after the Easter holidays. You will be informed about the procedure beforehand.

From March 23rd on, the Sdui app will be set up for communication and the establishment of students and parents groups. You will receive further information on this on the 24th of March.

Class-related subjects have been set up for the students / parents in the respective schools in order to be able to collect teaching material. This measure primarily affects parents who have no data connection or printer at home. The schools are open until further notice.

If you have any questions, please contact your school secretary and / or the school management or the absence representative during normal opening hours. We will inform you about changes in advance.

Regulations for fee reduction 01.04.2020 (unchanged proposal):

I am currently assuming that the monthly tuition fees and after-school fees for primary and secondary school will be reduced by around €140 per month from April 1st, 2020. The reduction guarantee requires an individual check of the respective contractual relationships. The suspension only applies to meals and childcare services outside of school. For the period up to the end of March 2020, there is no change in the instalment of the payment obligation, since the period from March 13, 2020 to March 31, 2020 will almost be cancelled by the upcoming two-week Easter break. We'll come back to you next week.

In conclusion: Within a week, psychologists provide behavioural advice for home schooling. National newspapers report on the variety of home schooling options. Examples include video conferencing and working with the cloud. TV channels are also adapting to a new audience. We take up some of it, we reject some (at first). The current issue is to include all those affected by the changes. Therefore, we will expand the support systems and "hotlines" in the next few days, e.g. for using the Dropbox or the Consoles learning platform, for communicating with Sdui, for setting up video conferences and for teaching employees and parents who are not yet familiar with the one or the other technology or who do not have the devices.

Our colleagues have achieved incredible work results in the past few days. The same applies to you. Home schooling is a process. The climax of the epidemic is still ahead of us. That is why we wanted to implement the technology quickly and have the organisation in order as soon as possible. Thanks to your support and our IT companies and consultants, we have succeeded for the greater part. Now "HS" has to be filled with life. That also means to think about results: What should my child be able to do at the end of the school year? What does she/he have to learn now, who can help me with that? One of the big questions still pending is the performance measurement or the grade determination.

However, HS does not mean playing ping pong with the teachers via email. Teachers are encouraged to give precise instructions. With the help of learning tasks and exercises, the students should first learn and exchange with other students in their learning group during the results assurance phase. The teacher is supposed to offer hints and solutions, with which the students and the parents can

check the work results for completeness and correctness. Group communication, whether via email, Skype or chat, is becoming increasingly important. We are now preparing the tools for this. Contrary to other publicly accessible learning platforms, Consoles remains efficient because this learning platform is managed via our own server. Incidentally, the name Consoles stands for content management system for self-directed and responsible learning at the European schools. The visual language will be adapted to the current situation shortly.

After the Easter holidays, we will begin to explore the possibilities of measuring and evaluating performance. Thinkable would be exams in presence form (e.g. at our gyms), online exams or video-based exams in oral form. You will receive further information on this within the next few weeks.

For suggestions, criticism and ideas as always: obermayr@obermayr.com or 0172-6859919. The next letter to parents (No. 4) will be available on March 27th, 2020 at www.obermayr.com.

Please stay healthy and optimistic!

Best wishes,

Dr. Gerhard Obermayr, headmaster