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Dear students and parents,

Once again the time has come: I announce the opening of the school on January 11, 2021, using passages from previous letters. All letters and documents can also be found on our school homepage. We know that there are many of them, but we ask you to read and take note of them. We shall inform you as soon as possible about any changes that might occur during the holidays.

Up to now, **a negative test** upon entry into Kenya is sufficient for all those travelling during the holidays to be able to come to school on 11.01.2021. A **quarantine is currently not necessary**.

The **physical school attendance** is not an optional offer, but an obligation, which is demanded in the letter of the Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of 23.9.20. All students must attend classes. The arrangement between remote and face-to-face learning described in the following is expected to be in force for four weeks, i.e. until 06. 02. 2021. After that, full opening is planned.

In order to start classes on time at 7:45 a.m., it is necessary **to be at school by 7:25 a.m.** at the latest, as measuring fever, washing hands and possible waiting time may take some time.

Those who have not yet given their **consent** to the **Covid policy**, please hand it over on the first day of attendance to the subject teacher who is teaching the first lesson.

Without this declaration the student will have to leave the school premises.

Along with this letter, the weekly breakdown and **a video on the logistics of arrival and departure as well as on the procedure in case of positive cases** will be sent once again.

We have set up an **e-mail address** to which all parents and employees should contact us if there is a positive or suspicious case with one of your children or with you as parents. The e-mail is sent to the school and kindergarten management, the three medical staff members, Ms. Sharma as HR and the overall parent representative, Dr. Lattorff. The response team will work together to initiate all further steps. You can reach us from 01.01.2021 at **responseteam@germanschool.co.ke**

Here is a list with many important details:

- Weekly alternating **return of individual classes from 11.1.2021** (see appendix for weekly schedule, changes cannot be made)
- **Attendance of classes 10-12 throughout, including lunch.**
- **Attendance of classes 1-4 from 7:45 - 13:30**, including lunch, on Fridays classes end at 13:05, no lunch.
- **Attendance of classes 5-12** according to the timetable, thus also afternoon classes (without homework supervision), including lunch, on Fridays classes end at 13:05, no lunch
- **No possibility to do purchases in the cafeteria**, please bring your own breakfast, water dispensers are available.
- **Buses leave** at 1:30 pm and after afternoon classes at 3:35 pm, no buses at 5 pm, students must leave the premises after classes, so they must be picked up punctually.
- **fixed groups in the same room**, same venue (exceptions possible, e.g. for experiments in natural sciences, art, German as a Foreign Language).
- Using the **locker** will not be possible, school bags are packed daily at home and remain in the classroom during the day.
- Use of auxiliary rooms such as the mirror room as a classroom (class 5).
- - Lessons will be based on normal **timetable**.
- **Remote learning** for students who are at home, zoom plan will be adjusted and communicated by 11.12.2020
- Separate **breaks** for primary and secondary school classes in designated areas for individual classes.
- Primary school children will have **lunch** in the classroom, secondary school children at class tables in the cafeteria or in the additional tent.
- **There shall be no soccer, basketball** or other contact games during the breaks.
- There shall be restricted **music and sports** lessons and which shall be held in the open air.
- There shall be **no events** on the school premises for the time being.
- **Parents are not allowed to stay on the school premises**, parents/drivers/accompanying persons should not leave the car (exceptions: official parent meetings, booked library visits, picking up sick children)
- Relief of the bus system by using private cars.
- **Control of access** to school premises in relation to possible symptoms of Covid infection.
- strict adherence to **hygiene measures** (taking fever readings, washing hands, etc.), enhanced cleaning.

- **Wearing of masks** on the premises and in class is obligatory, **students are trained**, among other things, on the first day of attendance, reminders and **warnings** to comply with the rules and regulations from grade 5 onwards if there are repeated violations.

We have tried to reflect on many things, it may not have been everything. We will gain experience with the new situation and bring about improvements.

The model is a step towards the normal school life, but will demand a lot from all of us, especially discipline in all areas. Please let us take on the challenge together, overcome it together, regain a piece of our school life and stay healthy.

On behalf of the Covid-Commission of the German School I wish you relaxing and happy holidays and a healthy new year.

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