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Dear students and parents,

Here we go! After half a year we return to school. We have waited a long time for this day. Let us start again and fill the school with life.

The **physical school attendance** is not an offer, but rather **an obligation**, which is demanded in the letter of the German Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of 23.9.20. All students must attend classes. The regulation between remote and classroom learning described below is expected to be in force by the end of the school semester.

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 periods may take some time.

With today's letter we are sending out various documents that you should carefully read. One of them is the **Covid policy** of the school. This has to be signed by the parents or guardians in a written **consent form**. The consent form must be handed in on the first day of attendance to the subject teacher who will give lessons in the 1st hour. Anyone who does not sign this form will unfortunately have to leave the school premises.

On **23.10.20** you will receive **further information**, e.g. about the changed zoom plan during distance learning, the logistics of arrival and departure, the route control on the school grounds and gate passes that might allow older students to leave the school grounds during the lunch break.

Here is a list with many important details:

- weekly **alternating return of individual classes from 26.10.20** (see appendix for weekly schedule, changes cannot be made)
- **Attendance of classes 11 and 12** all day and continuously from 21.10.2020, including lunch, school ends on Fridays at 1.05pm, no lunch
- **Attendance of classes 1-4** from 7:45 - 13:30, including lunch, school ends on Fridays at 1.05pm, no lunch.
- **Attendance of classes 5-12** according to the timetable, thus also afternoon classes (without homework supervision), including lunch, school ends on Fridays at 1.05pm, no lunch.

- **No possibility of buying foodstuff in the cafeteria**, please bring your own breakfast, water dispensers will be 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. **Binding bus registration** will follow.
- **fixed groups in the same room**, at the same location (exceptions possible, e.g. for experiments in natural sciences)
- Use of **locker** not possible, school bags have to be packed daily at home and remain in the classroom during the day
- Use of additional rooms like the computer room as a classroom
- Lessons according to normal timetable
- **Remote learning** for students who are at home, zoom plan will be adjusted and communicated by 23.10.2020 at the latest
- Separate **breaks** for primary and secondary school classes in designated areas for individual classes
- Primary school children to have **lunch** in the classrooms, secondary school children at class tables in the cafeteria or in the tent.
- **no soccer, basketball** or other contact games during the breaks
- restricted outdoor **music** and **sports lessons**.
- **no extracurricular activities**, extracurricular activities offer possible via zoom
- **no events** (e.g. St. Martin) on the school grounds for the time being
- Parents are **not allowed to stay on the premises**, parents/drivers/accompanying persons should not leave the car (exceptions: official parent meetings, booked library visits, picking up sick children)
- Reduced use of the bus system due to the use of private cars
- **Control of access** to school grounds in respect to possible symptoms of Covid infection
- strict adherence to **hygiene measures** (taking fever readings, washing hands, etc.), enhanced cleaning
- **Wearing of masks** on the school premises and in the classroom is obligatory, **training** of the students takes place on the first day of attendance, among other things

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

The model is a step towards a transition to 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.

With best regards on behalf of the Covid Commission of the German School Nairobi

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Principal

