

Update May 4, 2020: resumption of class teaching in Adliswil

Dear parents and legal guardians of students of the kindergarten, primary schools and secondary schools of the City of Adliswil

On April 29, 2020, the Federal Council initiated a first phase in the gradual lifting of the current "lockdown". In the coming period, all of us – you as parents, your children and we as well as our school staff – will continue to be called upon to react flexibly to the developments of the coming weeks. Always keeping an eye on the overall objectives, together we will succeed in mastering the challenges coming in the next four weeks. This requires mutual respect and understanding – and a pinch of confidence will certainly not hurt.

The Education Department of the City of Adliswil has, in response to cantonal requirements, in the last few days put the resumption of class teaching into concrete terms. We have endeavored to take the interests and possibilities of parents into account as far as possible. The City's numerous protection concepts for schools and childcare facilities, public infrastructure, sports facilities, etc. allow us to resume class teaching at a reduced level and according to the cantonal directives. We are convinced that in this special situation we are prepared in the best possible way so that your child can look forward to the resumption of the still restricted school activities, you do not have to worry too much about your offspring, and we can also ensure the safety of our teaching staff in the best possible way.

Our efforts to reconcile school requirements and parental needs lead to unusual timetables, but also to an increase in the scope of day care services available at a charge. The following key points apply to school and day care for the period from May 11 to June 5, 2020.

Teaching and therapies:

- Class teaching takes place in half classes; no group has more than 15 students.
- There will be 12 lessons per week at kindergarten level, 14 lessons per week at primary level and 15 - 18 lessons per week at secondary level.
- Important: The special timetable means that children attending kindergarten or primary school stay at home for individual full days.
- For children attending the 1st kindergarten, due to the special timetable, the lessons can also take place on an afternoon.
- For children attending the lower school, afternoon classes may be changed to another day than usual.
- Staggered start of lessons and staggered breaks are for safety reasons.
- Students with special needs receive support within the framework of attendance classes and special educational measures. This can also take place in addition to the class schedule.
- There are no sports or swimming lessons, nor are homework lessons offered.
- Speech therapy and psychomotor therapy will take place again after Ascension Day. You will be informed individually by the therapists.
- Gifted education takes place in addition to the timetable and mostly virtually, as cross-class activities are not permitted until the summer holidays.
- As already communicated, class camps or excursions by public transport are prohibited.

- There are also no courses at the leisure center or other voluntary activities (e.g. voluntary school sports, Startklar or German for parents).
- No grades will be given in the transcripts of the 2nd to 6th grades of primary school and the secondary school for the second half of the current school year. There will be no parents' meetings to discuss the transcripts for kindergarten and in the 1st grade of primary school this year.
- Finally, a personal plea to you: Adults who are not directly involved in the running of the school should avoid the school premises and childcare facilities. Accumulations of parents should be avoided if possible.

For scheduling reasons, it is necessary that you first inform yourself about your children's special timetable:

- for primary school [Sonnenberg and Wilacker](#)
- for primary school [Kopfholz](#)
- for primary school [Werd](#)
- for primary school [Dietlimoos](#)
- for primary school [Zopf](#)
- for [secondary school](#)

[Day care](#)

- 'Emergency day care plus' will be offered at all usual locations from May 11, 2020 on weekdays from 07:30-18:00.
- The maximum group size is 15 children.
- [Registration](#) is mandatory within the specified period until Wednesday evening, May 6, 2020.
- Admission of children will be based on criteria, especially in case of high demand. As we only have a limited number of places available, we count on your solidarity!
- There is a fee for day care ([conditions](#))

As, for logistical reasons, we only have limited capacity and because we have to comply with the safety regulations of the canton and the federal government, we urgently appeal to you to register your children only if there is no other possibility of day care.

The resumption of class teaching will again be a great challenge for all of us. Our joint efforts are further steps towards "normalization". We thank you, dear parents or legal guardians, for your continued active support of the school in its efforts for the benefit of our children!

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