



# KATHOLISCHE BONIFATIUSSCHULE

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## Letter at the beginning of the new school year.

Dear parents, dear pupils,

Tomorrow we return to school for the new school year, seemingly getting back to normal, but we mustn't forget that we are still in a very difficult situation. Corona has not disappeared, and we don't know how long we are going to have to learn to live with the virus. I apologize for not writing earlier, but I only received the last pieces of information from the BSB (Hamburg school authorities) this afternoon.

The starting and finishing times for the junior school (Grundschule – up to year 4) and the secondary school (Stadtteilschule – years 6 – 10) will be staggered on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. **For the junior school** the school day starts at **8 o'clock** and finishes at **1.15 pm**. Your children's teacher will meet the children in the playground. Please say goodbye to your children at the school gate. Parents who enter the school grounds have to wear a face mask and will have to be registered. At the end of the school day the GBS will supervise the children. This year the children will not be able to choose and change groups but will have to stay in their own group with their own supervisor. At the end of the school day please meet your child at the gate.

For the **secondary school** lessons begin at **10.30 am** and finish at **2 pm**. Pupils should use the entrance on Bonifatiusstraße and go straight to their classroom and not linger in the playground. They should wear a face mask when they are not in class.

Junior school pupils are also asked to wear masks when they are in the corridor or moving between buildings.

Attached you will find a **“Corona-checklist”** and a declaration form concerning **travel from an international risk area** within the last two weeks. Please read the information carefully and return the signed slips to school. Hygiene measures will be discussed in detail with the pupils in the first few lessons. Parents will receive this information at the first parent's evening. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's form teacher.

If you or your child are at a higher risk of severe illness from Corona please contact your local doctor and ask him/her to issue a certificate, which will allow your child to be home-schooled.

Pupils belonging to a “learning group” no longer have to keep 1.5m from each another. In the junior school all the classes of one year are considered to be a “learning group”. In the

secondary school there are three such learning groups: years 5/6; years 7/8 and years 9/10. These different learning groups should have as little contact as possible to other groups so that in case of an infection, spreading can be kept to a minimum.

If there are any changes to this information, we will inform you as soon as possible. We are looking forward to returning to school tomorrow.

Best wishes

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