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Special Mid-Week School Newsletter



Campus Safety Update: Student Mask Use

Dear QSI Parents,

At the end of last week, the local authorities released updated health and safety guidelines for schools. Since then, I have been reviewing the updated information released at <https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/>. Part of the updated information allows schools to decide if

masks should be worn by students when seated at assigned desks. The information did reinforce the need for students to wear masks when up from the assigned seat within the classroom and during movement through any other common areas on a school campus. How does this announcement impact the QSI campus? For the time being, our current health and safety practices involving masks will remain in place.

The reason for masks remaining in place connects to the start date for our school. The QSI school year started on August 27th which was later than the local German schools. Based on the rationale of Yvonne Gebauer, the school districts wanted to have masks in place for a specific time period as people returned from vacation. School and Education Minister Yvonne Gebauer: "The mask requirement in class in secondary schools was indicated in the uncertain times after the summer vacation with a significantly increased and rising incidence of infections. From the beginning, it was limited to the point in time when you can give a reliable assessment of the infection rate after the travel season, i.e. two weeks after the end of the vacation. Fortunately, almost three weeks after the successful start of school, the number of infections in North Rhine-Westphalia is developing positively, so that we can suspend the mask requirement in class" (Source: <https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/presse/pressemittelungen/nordrhein-westfalen-verlaengert-coronaschutzverordnung-einfuehrung-einer>). To emulate the safety rationale of the local government and the 3 week time frame, masks will continue to be worn at the assigned desks for students in the 10 Year Old to Secondary 4 classes.

In addition, the local government did express that removing masks at assigned desks is left up to the individual school campuses (Source: <https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/ministerium/schulverwaltung/schulmail-archiv/archiv-2020/31082020-informationen-zum-schulbetrieb>). Over the next couple weeks, I will review student mask use with our school advisory board (meeting next week) and QSI headquarters. As the mask option is explored, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding student mask use. If any changes do occur on student mask use, the Opening Plan & School Operations document will be updated and resent to QSI families.

My number one priority is providing the safest learning environment for your children. I appreciate your patience and support as the health and safety measures are reviewed.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

School Calendar

School Calendar 2020-2021

First Term

First Day: 27 August (Thursday)
Last Day: 18 December (Friday)
Holidays: 19 – 26 October (Monday - Monday) Autumn Break
26 – 27 November (Thursday - Friday) Staff Professional Development
21 December – 08 January (3 Week) Winter Break

Quintile 1: 27 August – 15 October
Quintile 2: 16 October – 16 December
Quintile 3: 17 December – 26 February

Number of school days: 74

Second Term

First Day: 11 January (Monday)
Last Day: 26 March (Friday)
Holidays: 12 February (Friday) Staff Professional Development
15 February (Monday) Rosenmontag (online learning day)

Quintile 4: 01 March – 27 April

Number of school days: 54

Third Term

First Day: 29 March (Monday)
Last Day: 24 June (Thursday)
Holidays: 02 – 09 April (Friday – Friday) Spring Break
13 – 14 May (Thursday – Friday) Ascension
24 – 25 May (Monday – Tuesday) Whit Monday
03 – 04 June (Thursday - Friday) Corpus Christi

Quintile 5: 28 April – 24 June

Number of school days: 52

Total Number of School Days: 180
The school week is Monday through Friday.

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GROUP INTERACTION



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Thank you for selecting QSI International School of Münster and trusting us with your child's education. If you have a question on the curriculum being taught, the curriculum can be viewed at <http://curriculum.qsi.org/>. Should you have a question or concern regarding the content or selected assessments, please reach out to the teacher or the school Director. If you need to contact me, my contact information is below.

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