



Official notice of the government to the parents of children in Secondary Schools

Luxembourg, March 12th, 2020

Dear parents,

Due to the rapidly increasing number of infections by COVID 19 in Luxembourg, the government has decided to suspend all educational activities in schools and care services. From March 16th to March 29th, 2020, all educational institutions, public and private training academies, as well as day care centres and boarding schools will remain closed for two weeks of suspension.

These measures apply to:

- Fundamental education (cycles 1 to 4)
- Secondary education
- Vocational education and training (educational component)
- Competence centres for children with special needs
- INL - Institut national des langues
- Trainings/Courses offered by the department of adult education
- Music education
- Boarding schools
- Socio-family boarding schools
- Socio-therapeutical centers
- Day Care Centres, Nurseries, out-of school care centres
- Child-minders (assistants parentaux)
- Youth Centres

On Friday, March 13th, attendance in public schools is compulsory. Students, teachers and other support personnel are required to go to school. In each class, the procedures for assuring continuity in learning for the two weeks of suspension will be defined.

The suspension of all educational activities in Luxembourg is a precautionary measure aiming at avoiding or slowing down the spread of the virus to the population in general. That way all actors of the educational system will participate in our common effort to protect the vulnerable and fragile members of our society.

Moreover, it appears that children and young people are less severely affected by the COVID – 19 infections.

For the time being following scenario applies during the coming weeks:

Dates	Measures
Week of 16.03. to 22.03.2020	Suspension of all activities in the schools
Week of 23.03. to 29.03.2020	Suspension of all activities in the schools
Week of 30.03. to 05.04.2020	Resumption of schools Tests initially foreseen for the week of March 16 th to March 22 nd , 2020
Week of 06.04. to 19.04.2020	Easter Holidays
Week of 20.04. to 26.04.2020	Resumption of schools Test initially foreseen for the week of March 23 rd to March 29 th , 2020

- All activities in schools and day care centres are suspended from 16th to 29th march 2020.
- Resumption of classes is in principle foreseen for the 30th of March 2020. The situation will be reassessed by health authorities and the date of resumption of classes will be adapted to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.
- The end of the second term is postponed to the 30th of April 2020, meaning to two weeks after the end of Easter holidays.
- Tests planned between the 16th and the 29th of March are postponed. Those planned for the week of March 16th will be taken during the week of March 30th, those planned for the week of March 29th will be taken during the week of April 20th.

In order to ensure continuity of learning, teachers have to plan the necessary measures to stay in close contact with the students. A framework for organizing distant learning will be put in place for the period of suspension. Students will receive a work plan and teachers will arrange for continuously providing learning material and learning opportunities to the students at home.

Students will have to consult their daily journal via *Webuntis* and their allocated electronic mailbox. They will have to follow their teachers' instructions and complete the assigned tasks.

Friday 13th, 2020 will be dedicated to assure that the means of communication by which teachers will inform their students about their work plans are functioning properly. The work plans will contain repetition of contents already seen in class and the preparation of upcoming tests. As far as possible, teachers will also continue to work with their students on their regular program during these two weeks of suspension.

Parents of students that do not have the necessary technological devices or an internet connection at home, are invited to contact the administration of the school.

Classes that are equipped with other digital tools (for instance Ipad, electronic platforms, ...) will use these to assure continuity of learning.

The students are invited to bring home from school all their educational material that they will need during the two weeks of suspension.

Parents will be granted extension of „leave for family reasons“ to stay at home to care for children below the age of 13. This additional time-off will not reduce their yearly paid leave.