



To Parents and Legal Guardians  
of Engelberg Schoolchildren

Engelberg, 14 March 2020

## **Cancellation of school due to the Corona Virus and Daycare Options for the Engelberg Community Schools**

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians

The Federal Council has decided that as of this coming Monday, 16 March 2020, classes in all schools will be cancelled. Hence, obligatory school attendance has been temporarily suspended, instruction involving new curricular goals is momentarily not possible.

### ***Childcare and Student Supervision Options for the Community Schools***

As of Monday, 16 March 2020, the community school system of Engelberg will offer an emergency childcare/student supervision option. This option is open to all schoolchildren, including those who have never taken advantage of the existing after-school care options. We ask, however, that you only take advantage of this option after you have tried unsuccessfully to find private alternatives and are **IN URGENT NEED OF THIS SUPERVISED CARE ALTERNATIVE**.

- Teachers will provide supervision Monday through Friday from 8:00 – 11:30 am and 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- There will be supervision in Barisol Monday through Friday from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.
- Lunch can be bought in Barisol Monday – Friday (regular price: CHF 10.00 / Rayon: CHF 5.00). IOS students will buy and eat their lunches in the monastery cafeteria as usual. The supervised activities will take place in the school building and on school premises.
- Students should be dressed appropriately, according to current weather conditions.
- Only those children who have been properly registered for this option will be supervised.
- Children with a cough, runny nose or fever will not be supervised and will be sent home.

If you are interested in this child supervision option, please register by Sunday, 15 March 2020, 12:00 noon. Contact Karin Flühler in the school's administrative office by phone, e-mail or WhatsApp: **041 639 52 46** / 076 341 63 90 / [karin.fluehler@gde-engelberg.ch](mailto:karin.fluehler@gde-engelberg.ch). Please notify the office about which childcare options you will absolutely need for the week of 16 – 20 March, 2020. This registration will be considered definite and binding. Registration options for the weeks thereafter will follow.

**Grandparents** over 65 years of age, as well as other at-risk persons, should NOT be engaged in childcare.

### ***Music school***

Individual and group lessons at the music school are cancelled. Fees for cancelled lessons will be credited.

### ***Instructional materials***

Teachers will meet on Monday and prepare learning materials for the voluntary completion of schoolwork at home. Students of all levels can pick up these materials and books, available in their respective classrooms/learning ateliers on Tuesday, 17 March 2020, from 1:30 – 4:00 pm.

### ***Communication with the school***

- Previously scheduled parent/teacher meetings can take place as planned (optimally by telephone)
- For questions concerning learning materials, parent/teacher conferences, etc. please contact your child's class teacher directly.
- Should your child at home fall ill, please notify the school's administrative office as soon as possible.
- Class teachers will keep parents/guardians informed of any changes. Please provide your child's/children's class teacher(s) with your **E-MAIL ADDRESS** so that you can be and stay informed.
- If you do not have an Internet connection available at home, the firm of E. von Holzen AG of Engelberg will provide you with a temporary Internet connection at no cost for the duration of the school closing. Please contact the firm directly: 041 637 07 70.

### ***What parents can do with their children while at home***

- Monitor your child's use of media (online games. etc.) Keep it within reason.
- Encourage your child to read books, play board games, practice a musical instrument, paint, write, bake, etc.

### ***Further information***

- We are relying on you and your child to help us and the situation by practicing measures of good hygiene at home. (e.g. frequent washing of hands)
- At present, these emergency school measures will remain in effect until Saturday, 4 April 2020.
- Up-dates regarding school operations can be found on the community's website, or its Facebook and Twitter accounts: [www.gde-engelberg.ch/de/bildung/bildungwillkommen/](http://www.gde-engelberg.ch/de/bildung/bildungwillkommen/) or [www.gemeindeschule-engelberg.ch](http://www.gemeindeschule-engelberg.ch).
- Current information about the Corona virus can be found on the webpage of the Federal Council: [www.bag-coronavirus.ch](http://www.bag-coronavirus.ch) / Hotline BAG: 058 463 00 00.

These latest measures affect all of us drastically. Together, we can master the challenge. Good communication is the key. We ask you to please contact your child's class teacher should you have any concerns or further questions.

We wish you and your family lasting good health.

Kind regards

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