

To Parents and Legal Guardians of Engelberg Schoolchildren

Engelberg, 22nd April 2020

# Corona Virus: Outlook home schooling for Engelberg's schoolchildren after the Easter holidays

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians

The Federal Council has announced that it will progressively ease measures against the Corona Virus in three steps. If the current situation allows, the compulsory schools should reopen on Monday, 11th May 2020. The Federal Council will make a final decision on 29th April 2020.

## After the Easter holidays

Classroom instructions remain prohibited even after the Easter holidays. From **Monday**, **27th April 2020**, the Engelberg Community School will resume **home schooling** following the cantonal curriculum. The teachers have prepared themselves well so that the students can be taught in a suitable form. Within the next few days parents will receive the appropriate **timetable** for their children from the class teacher.

Parents and Legal Guardians are asked to support the school as best possible in this current situation. Please make sure that the children fulfil the tasks given by the school teachers. Parents are asked to support their children in solving the tasks, but this is not a requirement.

#### Information Kanton Obwalden

Regardless of how long this special condition will last, the school year 2019/2020 will be classed as a complete school year and will not be repeated.

At the end of the school year, certificates are issued as usual. The reports will contain the information about the impact of Corona Virus and home schooling. For the period of home schooling there will be no assessment grades given to the children.

The holiday timetable is still valid and unchanged. Holiday periods remain the same; there will be no additional schooling.

## New head of department education and culture

The Engelberg Community School welcomed **Peter Schmidli** as new head of department education and culture on Monday, 20th April, when he replaced Hans Matter the interim headmaster.

#### Substitute teacher IOS

After the Easter holidays we welcome **Sina Nydegger** in our team. She will teach Maths and Nature and Technic as a substitute for Mirjam Balbi.

### Emergency-Childcare Engelberg Community School

The Engelberg Community School continues to offer an emergency childcare supervision option. This option is open to all schoolchildren of the primary school. However, we ask you to only use this service in EXCEPTIONAL circumstances if there are no other alternatives.

- Childcare can be provided from 8.00-11.30am and 1.30-3.30pm in school by teachers (can be extended until max. 5.30 pm).
- Lunch will be available (regular fee: CHF 10.00 / Rayon: CHF 5.00).
- For this additional service children must be registered beforehand (see below).
- If children are unwell, they should not be sent to school. Children with a cough, runny nose
  or fever will have to be sent home for the welfare of the other children and staff members.

Register by phone, e-mail or WhatsApp in the school office with Karin Flühler, and make a binding statement if you take advantage of one of these offers:

**041 639 52 46** / 076 341 63 90 / karin.fluehler@gde-engelberg.ch.

The following dates apply:

Week from 27th April to 1st May 2020 Registration date: Friday, 24th April 2020, 12.00am Week from 4th to 8th April 2020 Registration date: Friday, 1st May 2020, 12.00am

**Grandparents** over 65 years of age, as well as those more vulnerable to the virus (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure) should not look after children.

#### School- and Community Library Engelberg

The reopening of the Library will be the last of the three measures. The library team is looking forward to welcoming everyone from **Monday**, **8th June 2020**. The provided home book delivery service will continue until Thursday, 4th June 2020.

#### School social work

If you feel anxious or have personal questions concerning your family, child care or parenting, telephone the school social worker on 079 743 14 99. For more information see: www.secure.i-web.ch/gemweb/engelberg/de/bildung/schulsozialarbeit/.

## Further information

 Please make sure, that you and your children follow the government advice: Wash your hands often! Use a tissue for coughs and sneezes or use your sleeve! Keep your distance from other people! Avoid socialising!

- If your child is showing symptoms of the Corona virus, please notify the school secretary immediately.
- You can get the latest information about school operations on the Website, Facebook and Twitter Accounts of the municipality: <a href="www.gde-engelberg.ch/de/bildung/bildungwillkommen/">www.gde-engelberg.ch/de/bildung/bildungwillkommen/</a> or <a href="www.gemeindeschule-engelberg.ch">www.gemeindeschule-engelberg.ch</a>.
- Current informations on the Corona Virus can be found on the Federal Government website: www.bag-coronavirus.ch / Hotline BAG: 058 463 00 00.

If you have further questions please contact the class teacher.

We hope you stay healthy!

Best regards

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