

Dear parents of children in 0-5th. grade

On Monday, April 20th, 2020, Gribskov Municipality's schools will reopen.

Specifically, this means:

- All pupils from grade 0-5 start in school and after school club (fritidsordning)
- Pupils from 0-10th grade in special-classes start at school and leisure (fritidstilbud).
- Pupils in 6-10th grade will continue to be taught at home.

The Municipality of Gribskov meets the requirements and restrictions that have arisen in connection with reopening of schools and day-care. However, it is a big task to ensure, the right conditions at all places - which have, among other things, had to provide extra washbasins and toilets, pavilions are set up and adequately provided with protective equipment. Besides, the whole school day must be organized, based on special considerations of distance etc. The City Council of Gribskov Municipality, therefore, chose to postpone the reopening from 15th to Monday 20th of April. The City Council also decided to maintain the Mini-FO scheme, starting on Wednesday, April 22. Those of you who have children, who will start in Mini-FO, will receive a special letter on this.

Commissioning of new children in the coming period is agreed individually between parents and employees so that it is safe for the individual child, and everyone is aware of mutual expectations.

To continue, the limitation of risk infection as much as possible, there are several factors that we must live up to. In the letter here, you can read about the special circumstances that will occur, when we open on Monday, and how to relate as parents.

A different school day

Your children will not attend a regular school day as they know it before the lockdown. There will be changes that affect children, parents and employees. In Gribskov Municipality emphasis is placed on good local solutions, to ensure the best school day for everyone. This could mean, for example, a reduction in the teaching day compared to normal, and that the schedule may not necessarily be broken down so that all subjects are completed one by one.

All students will receive 5 hours of schooling per day, but there will be different "ring times". You will receive more information about this via Aula from your local school principal.

After school club

The after school club is open from 6:30 am until class starts, and again after class is finished to 17:00 pm Monday to Thursday, and 16:30 pm on Fridays. We encourage you to report the child free, if not in use of the offer. If you have any questions, please contact the FO Manager or the Head of the School.

Transport

Driving for eligible children will be available again from Monday, April 20th. The health authorities' guidelines for driving school children will be followed closely. If there are changes to your child's driving regime, we will contact you.

All parents who have children receiving school bus driving or flex-driving have been contacted and asked to indicate if their child needs school bus driving or flex-driving until May 10th.

Lunch box and afternoon fruit

No food will be served, at schools and FOs until May 10th. All children must, therefore, have packed lunches. Children who come to the morning FO must also bring breakfast, and the children who will be in FO in the afternoon must also bring afternoon food.

Common guidelines

The municipality's schools are very different in terms of space conditions, outdoor areas, parking conditions, etc. Therefore, everyday life is organized locally at each school following the recommendations of the Health Authorities. You will also get more information about this from your local supervisor via Aula.

Cleaning and hygiene

The school and the FO comply with the applicable guidelines and recommendations from the Health Authorities. This means that all employees focus on, cleaning and good daily routines around hygiene, for children and adults.

Hand hygiene

To ensure good hand hygiene, the focus relies upon:

- Employees and students wash their hands with water and liquid soap as they enter the school.
- If parents need to enter the school, they must wash their hands with water and liquid soap as they enter the school.

- Pupils wash hands often, especially when visibly dirty and at regular intervals, for example, in each playtime and at least every 2 hours.
- Employees wash hands with water and liquid soap and disinfect, also when they go from teaching one class to another.
- Hand sanitizer is used when, not near water and soap, for example on trips.

Distance between each other

To ensure the distance between the pupils, and between teacher and pupils, the focus is on the physical framework and the fact that the pupils are not gathered in larger groups. This is ensured by:

- The pupil is placed at tables, with two meters between the pupils.
- Recess is scheduled to be moved so, that many pupils do not keep recess, at the same time.
- Several adults are present outside, ensuring that students stay away and avoid physical contact.
- Playing takes place in smaller groups and only within the same class (up to five pupils outside, and two to three pupils inside).
- Public transport should be avoided, in case of trips away from the school.
- Pupils are encouraged to move only in the same smaller groups, both during and outside school hours.
- All adults must keep further distance with each other when delivering and picking up children - it is the responsibility of the parents to keep their distance.

Cleaning

Throughout the day, the school focuses on continuous cleaning to minimize the risk of infection. It means that:

- Cleaning of taps, toilet buttons, toilet seats, table surfaces, door handles etc. is done twice daily.
- Toilet seats are cleaned and disinfected at least twice daily.
- Garbage cans in classrooms and toilets are emptied before they are filled, and at least once a day.
- Tablets, toys, PC keyboards and similar stuff, are wiped or washed several times, daily.

Disease

Employees and children must not attend school or FO if there are symptoms of illness, (erg. cough, fever, sore throat, muscle pain or difficulty breathing).

If you or your child has mild symptoms of both upper respiratory tract infection or severe lower respiratory tract infection, such as cough, fever, sore throat, muscle pain or difficulty breathing, you should suspect COVID-19. For those who develop

symptoms, it is characteristic that initially, you have mild symptoms such as, sore throat and, muscle pain and possibly, dry cough. At this stage one often has, slight or no fever. Other typical symptoms are fever and headache. In the course of aggravation, shortness of breath can occur, including rapid breathing. Stopped nose or runny nose - without other symptoms - is not typical of COVID-19, i.e. the symptoms are less likely, to be caused by COVID-19. Read more at sst.dk.

At the slightest sign of illness, children and adults should go home and stay home until there are no disease symptoms for 48 hours.

Parents and others may not visit the school or FO if they have symptoms of illness.

Children and adults living in households with others, who are ill with COVID-19 virus, should not attend school.

If a child or adult has been at the school or the FO and is found to be infected with the COVID-19 virus, the school or FO must be informed, so we have the opportunity to pass on the information to the children and adults, that the child has been in close contact with.

To school again

Talk to your kids about it being a slightly different school day they will be returning to, on Monday. If there is anything that you wonder about or fails to understand, contact the teachers or someone from the school's administration.

We look forward to getting started again.