

Amstelveen, April 1, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Yesterday, Prime Minister Rutte announced that measures taken in connection with the COVID-19 virus will be extended. This means, among other things, that the schools of the KBA Nw West Foundation will remain closed. Because this period falls during the May holidays, our schools will be closed at least until **10 May 2020**. We follow the instructions of the government.

In principle, the extension of these measures will not have any additional consequences for the agreements that have already been made. For clarity, I will list the agreements again:

- All schools of the KBA Nw West Foundation are closed until further notice;
- Our schools will provide emergency care for children, where one of their parents works in a vital sector. The director of the school makes decisions about which cases this applies to. For children who are cared for in school, education is not provided. Children will work on the homework provided.
- The employees of the KBA Nw West Foundation will work at home as much as possible;
- There is a minimum necessary occupancy at the schools;
- The school can be reached every day for questions from children and parents/carers, but only within the hours that the school is normally open;
- The school provides the necessary information to children and the parents/carers so that it is clear how and when assignments (homework) must be done and can be handed in.

Within the KBA Nw West Foundation, we continue to prepare digital education platforms in anticipation of the measures. In the upcoming days we will launch a website where children can pick up assignments and instructions. All schools of the KBA Nw West Foundation are working together in this. In addition, each school will continue to provide its own education package so that the children can receive appropriate education in the coming period.

Of course, education is different from normal and we may be unable to meet the needs and requirements of children to have social contact and receive education. However, in-person contact is clearly not allowed at this time. We are currently investigating various online programmes which could help to provide some social interaction for children. We will keep you informed.

We are also working with the municipality of Amsterdam to provide all students who do not have a device, with a Chromebook which will enable them to actively follow distance education. The first Chromebooks will be loaned out this week. The parents/guardians of students who receive a device will be required to sign a loan agreement and are responsible for any damage that occurs if used incorrectly. The loaned device remains the property of the school.

This is a difficult situation and requires everyone to use their patience and energy to help the children with their education at home. Your active role in this is indispensable. If, due to circumstances, you are insufficiently able to guide your child(ren) through learning, please let your child's teacher know. Perhaps the school, together with you, can find a suitable solution.

Do you have any questions or is anything unclear as a result of this letter? Please contact the principal of your school.



With kind regards,

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