

Amstelveen, 28 May, 2020

Dear parent (s) and / or caregiver (s),

As you know, the cabinet announced during last week's press conference that it is the intention to fully open primary schools again from the 8th June. The Cabinet had planned to make a definitive decision about this in the week of June 1st, provided that the RIVM's investigation into the 1.5-meter measure has been completed and provided encouraging reports on the experience of partially opening schools.

On the basis of the cabinet decision and the guidelines of the RIVM, school boards would then make agreements so that schools will know how to proceed. It was also intended that there would be more clarity from the government on Wednesday 27th May. Schools would then receive a protocol from the PO council from our sector organization.

However, it was announced on Tuesday 26 May that RIVM's investigation is not yet complete, and therefore no protocol can yet be drawn up for the full opening-up of the schools. It is not yet clear when the updated guidelines will be ready. As the KBA Nw West Foundation, we are frustrated that we are not yet able to provide clarity for you and our employees. Especially during this Covid-19 period, it is of great importance that we can communicate clearly with everyone, in a timely fashion, to allow us to prepare things properly. This is not yet possible.

For the time being, we are awaiting the updated guidelines and, as soon as they are ready, will go to schools with the possibilities for further opening up. Whether the June 8th deadline is feasible will hopefully become clear in the coming week. This is coordinated with the Municipality of Amsterdam, the urban representatives of Childcare and the other Amsterdam school boards.

We will inform you as soon as there is clarity.

Sincerely,

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