

Important information for parents

Dear Parents, due to recent incidents, two important changes for the safety of our children will apply **from 16.10.2023** (after the holidays). We discussed these measures with the members of the Parents' Council on Monday, 18.9.2023 and gave reasons for them. They were then unanimously agreed in the subsequent school conference.

1. Closing of the Kaiserstraße entrance and exit as of 8am

We want to continue to give the children the opportunity to move a lot in the fresh air. For this purpose, the school and the after-school care centre use all available areas. Since this school year, the yard break takes place both in the schoolyard and on the sports field side. In the afternoon, the after-school care centre offers a variety of activities in the entire outdoor area. We have to guarantee a good overview and a protected space 100% of the time in order to fulfil our supervisory duty.

Against this background, we will in future designate the Forststraße entrance as the sole entrance and exit to our school from 8:00am. The Kaiserstraße entrance can be used early to arrive, the gates will then be locked at 8:00am.

We are thus expanding the protected school outdoor area. Recent incidents in the first weeks show us that this is necessary to prevent critical situations.

We ask the parents of children who previously used the Kaiserstraße exit to discuss and practise the changed route to school with their children.

In order to minimise vehicle traffic on Forest Road, it would be helpful to seek alternatives to driving on this road. If this is not possible, I repeatedly ask you to drive considerately and slowly on the road, not to stop in the bend area and to turn around. We are always appalled by the sometimes inconsiderate behaviour towards each other and towards the children.

In this context, we would also like to point out once again that collection is only possible at the specified collection times and with written proof.

Pick-up times: after the end of lessons/ after lunch/ 14.15-14.30/ from 15.30 onwards

The door of the Forststraße exit should be kept clear for the children when they are collected.

As the GTA offers take place until 3.30pm, the children will not leave school until 3.35pm.

The possibilities of communication with the teacher-educator team are, of course, still given by the ticket system or by making appointments.

2. Sickness notifications until 7.30 a.m.

From now on, sick children must be signed out of school by 7.30am. At the start of classes at 7:50 a.m., after checking attendance, parents whose children are absent without excuse will be called. If no one can be reached, we will inform the relevant authority who will then drive to the home. This change ensures that immediate action can be taken in the event of an incident on the way to school. Adherence to this time by all parents would save us many phone calls and thus also time that we could better devote to the children.

If possible, sickness notifications should be sent by e-mail krankmeldung-gskarlmarx@web.de with the following information:

- Name of the child
- Reason for absence
- Duration of the illness (after this time a new deregistration would be necessary)

We very much hope that these changes will lead to a smoother running of the school and after-school hours in the future. Thank you for your understanding.

With kind regards

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school and after-school care "Karl Marx".

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