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Letter for parents concerning the start of 2020/21 childcare - COVID-19

Your ref. – please state in all correspondence

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Dear parent/guardian,

The current COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on all our lives and the measures associated with this continue to confront us with many considerable challenges.

To help manage this situation in Tyrol's nurseries and kindergarten as best as possible, a coronavirus traffic light system with green, yellow and red phases is planned based on nationwide recommendations. These phases will indicate the change in the current infection rate. The traffic light aims to prevent a further lockdown in childcare facilities and ensure stable and regular daily operations here. If there are local changes, this warning system will help us respond in an area which is as small as possible. This will allow precautionary measures to be taken in those regions with a critical infection situation whilst normal life can continue in the other regions.

The respective colour will be decided by the coronavirus traffic light commission.

In the event of confirmed infection cases, the immediate measures of the health authorities can be taken, irrespective of the traffic light system.

Your childcare facility will inform you about the current phase and various hygiene and protective measures will be in place according to the phase.

As you can see from the preparations for the start of the new year in the childcare facilities, this is taking place with caution and consideration with regard to the current situation. You will, as a family, also be asked to support these measures and your childcare facility as best as possible. Please therefore observe the following:

- **In general, the facilities will operate as normal.** No child will be turned away due to a lack of space.
- The hygiene recommendations should also be maintained at home.

- A rigorous contact management with the aid of contact lists (children, personnel, parents, external persons) will ensure the traceability of all contacts.
- Your digital availability is particularly important for contact management.
- Please refrain from attending events and parties etc.
- Irrespective of the traffic light phase, adults should each wear an MNS.
- Activities will take place outdoors wherever possible.
- In the event of flu symptoms, present a medical note, in case of any doubt.
- **Sick children must be kept at home.**
- If you suspect an infection, inform your childcare facility immediately.

FAQs and further documents are available on the state's homepage on: <https://www.tirol.gv.at/bildung/elementarbildung/informationen-zum-coronaviruscovid-19/> which will be updated according to the current situation.

If you have any further questions, please call the **hotline 0800 100 360** on Monday to Thursday from 7.30 am - 6.00 pm and Friday 7.30 am - 2.00 pm. Alternatively, send an e-mail to **elementarbildung-meldung@tirol.gv.at**.

Further information on the coronavirus traffic light system on <https://corona-ampel.gv.at/>.

We will together resume childcare in the autumn and hope that, with the measures in place, we will have a healthy 2020/2021. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation for the wellbeing of all children.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dr. Beate Pelfke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.