

Leiden, March 17, 2020

Dear Parents / caregivers,

As you know, the ISK-students are not allowed to come to school up and until April 6. With this letter we would like to inform you about the lessons your child gets. We'll try to keep this information as limited as possible and ask you to read it well and talk about it with your child.

### **Education at a distance**

Yesterday and today, the teachers discussed the possibilities to teach your child. We take these views:

- We start teaching at a distance
- We work in a digital environment as much as possible
- Your child will receive homework by mail, by Magister or by another digital way
- Your child needs about 2 hours a day to do this homework

The way your child is taught digitally differs per class because a lot of classes use different books. Your child's mentor will let you know how your child will receive the assignments.

At the moment, the teachers are preparing the lessons, which is a lot of work. We are trying to have a program for each class on Thursday, March 19. March 19 and 20 are 'try-out days'. Starting next week, we hope to have a program that works well.

The number of assignments and the time needed to do the assignments is less than the number of lessons at school. Following the digital lessons and handing in the assignments is mandatory. We are asking for your help to encourage your child to do his homework and follow the digital lessons.

### **How to help your child**

We understand that we ask for more independence from your child than usual. You can help your child with his / her study the following ways:

#### *Planning and structure*

Make a schedule with your child that is the same every day. In the schedule, write when your child has to work for school. Make sure there is time for a break or some exercise. The PE teachers will put exercises on Facebook and Instagram.

Make your child get up the same time every day.

#### *A place for work and study*

Make a place at home for your child to do his homework, preferably a place that is not used for other activities. This way, it is obvious where your child works for school and where he / she can do other things.

#### *Support*

You know your child better than we do. It is good if you try to help your child. You could assist your child with logging in, starting the school day, making assignments together. Next to this, you could help your child focusing at school.

We know that you can't always help. You can always get in touch with your child's mentor if there are questions about his / her homework.

You can find data about the mentor on our website:

[https://isk.davinci-leiden.nl/nl/Contact/Wie\\_is\\_wie](https://isk.davinci-leiden.nl/nl/Contact/Wie_is_wie)

### *Computer*

If your child hasn't got a computer, you can borrow a laptop from school. If this is needed, you can contact your child's mentor. The mentor will tell you when and where to collect the laptop.

### **Communication**

From now on, we will write a letter to inform you, each Friday. Each Friday, we will place this letter on our website. Check <https://isk.davinci-leiden.nl/nl/Actueel>

We are also curious about you and your child's experiences, so if you have ideas or tips, please let us know.

Kind regards,

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