



Leiden, 5 October 2020

Dear parents(s) / caregiver(s), student(s),

On October 1, the Minister of Education consulted with schools in The Netherlands. Together with the organizations in charge of education in The Netherlands, they made a decision. The decision is as follows:

**Urgent recommendation**

We urge everybody in secondary education to wear a mouth mask outside the classrooms. This applies in all situations where students and teachers cannot keep a meter and a half apart. Some examples: the hallway and the canteen. When students are in their classrooms, the mouth masks can be removed. This recommendation is valid from October 5, 2020. This is in addition to all other recommendations. The other recommendations remain important. This means that:

- Students and teachers keep a meter and a half apart;
- Students and teachers disinfect or wash their hands upon arrival at school;
- Everybody coughs and sneezes in their elbows;
- Students and teachers stay at home in case of complaints.

School follows the recommendations of the RIVM and the government. We would like to ask you to discuss this recommendation with your child / pupil. This means that we ask all our students to wear a mouth mask in the hallways and in the canteen, from Monday 5 October. The teachers and the other staff will also wear a mouth mask in these areas.

Unfortunately, more and more people become infected with the corona virus. The government is looking for measures that work well against the virus. This means that, just like in March, we have to deal with rules that almost change on a daily basis. At the moment, the situation is more complicated than in March. Measures like ventilating the classrooms (all windows and doors are open), wearing mouth masks and the weather getting colder make teaching increasingly difficult. I hope that the schools can remain open, but I worry about autumn and winter.

I hope this letter has kept you informed sufficiently. We expect your help in carrying out the urgent recommendation about the mouth masks.

If you have any questions about this letter or if you have further questions about the recommendations, feel free to contact us at: [coronaisk@davinci-leiden.nl](mailto:coronaisk@davinci-leiden.nl)

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