



## Information about Compulsory Schooling in Bremen

Dear parents,

All children attending school in Bremerhaven are subject to compulsory schooling in accordance with § 55 of the Bremen Schooling Act. Schooling is compulsory even in the current situation of the Corona Virus, where school attendance takes place only to a limited extent. Currently, compulsory schooling includes attendance during classes, home learning and other compulsory school events.

Students who belong to a risk group or who are unable to comply with hygiene and distance regulations due to a disability may be exempted from attending classroom lessons. This also applies to children living in a house with relatives belonging to a risk group. No medical certificate is required, only a written notification from the parents for the school administration. The exemption from classroom instruction is not the exemption from compulsory education. Your child will continue learning at home. Homework will be completed at home.

Please note: Permission to start the holiday earlier or extend the holiday will not be granted. This regulation applies to all school holidays in the school year 2020/2021. It also applies for the summer holidays 2020.

Absences due to illness on school days that will be directly related to school holidays must be motivated by a medical certificate. This will apply to absences that will take place one day before the holiday and one day after the holiday. Apologies written by parents will not be accepted for these periods.

If your child is absent without reason, you are committing an administrative offense according to § 65 of the Bremen School Act.

This administrative offense is punishable by a fine. The fine is set depending on the facts. It is based on the current child benefit rate of € 204.00.

We ask for your attention.

The Education Authority of the City Bremerhaven, June 5, 2020