

**Dear parents and guardians,**

In this letter we would like to inform you about the procedure if a pupil or employee is tested positive. We would like to emphasise that testing and vaccinating of pupils is always a choice made by parents/guardians and not by school.

In case someone from school is tested positive, the GGD will contact us. They do this to trace contacts and the possible source of the contamination. The GGD will give us the name of the person who tested positive. From the point of view on public health, the government obliges us to help the GGD to determine who has been in contact with this person who tested positive. Therefore, we provide the GGD with the following information:

- The names, dates of birth and telephone numbers of these contacts of the positively tested person.
- What class these contacts are in, and when these contacts were in that classroom
- We will explicitly not share more data than the above with the GGD.

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) has determined that we as a school must share this data with the GGD. Based on the shared data, the GGD can approach the various contacts of the infected person and advise on tests and possibly quarantine. The GGD then deletes the data. We may not record or share information about who is infected or who may be quarantined.

From the point of view of public health, we as a school cooperate with the GGD. You may object to sharing your son or daughter's contact information. If this is the case, you can let me know by Friday 16 April. In that case, we will not share the name, attendance at school and the contact details of your son or daughter with the GGD. However, the GGD and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science indicate that the source and contact research cannot be carried out optimally. As a result, the virus is less easy to fight. Pupils or teachers could also be sent home unnecessarily, because it is not certain with whom a positively tested person has been in contact.

We hope for your cooperation. Together we will get the virus under control more quickly and we can continue to teach the pupils as much as possible. Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact me.

Kind Regards,

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