



Dear parents

As you all know, a ban on mass gatherings in Iceland has recently come into force.

By the further decision of the local authorities, compulsory schools may maintain school activities on certain conditions. The number of students being taught in the same classroom may not exceed 20, and different groups of students may not interact with each other during the day. Additional measures should be taken to clean and disinfect the space after having been used by each group.

In order to work according to these recommendations, 1st-10th grade students of Rimaskoli will attend school every other day.

The school canteen will be closed, students can bring healthy snack (nesti) with them.

Gym, swimming and art classes will be canceled as well as all elective subjects (val).

Each group of students (1st-10th grade) has been allocated a specific classroom to occupy during the day. The school staff will welcome the students and look after them while they are at school.

To prevent the groups from interacting with each other, students will come to school at a certain time using a specific entrance. It is very important to respect the newly implemented rules!

The school entrances will be closed during the day because the building may only be open for the students and staff. Therefore, parents cannot enter the school while the ban is imposed.

Please note, the restriction that implies a two-meter distance between individuals during the ban on mass gatherings, does not apply to schools where students will have to be in closer proximity to each other, if up to 20 children and the staff occupy the same space.

Homeroom teachers will send further information regarding teaching in their classes.

The Children's Hospital has issued guidelines for children in special risk groups who are advised to stay at home during the ban.

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Even if children do not belong to any defined risk groups, parents may decide to let them stay at home during the coming weeks. Parents are welcome to do so.

Students with the flu or cold should stay at home until full recovery.

Please report your child's absence by calling the office, via Mentor or sending an email at: rimaskoli@rvkskoli.is. Tell the name of the child, in what grade and how long you think your child will be away from school.

We are not yet aware of anybody being infected by Covid-19 among our students or staff. One employee and few students are currently quarantined, some are expected to be released later this week.

Best regards,

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