



# Teaching operations for extreme weather conditions. Information for parents and students

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Dear parents, Dear students,

Extreme weather conditions such as storm, strong snow or black ice sometimes occur in unexpected strength. As a rule, they are announced by the weather forecasts, but it is often difficult to assess how they affect different times in the individual urban areas.

With this letter we would like to inform you about the form of teaching in the schools of the city of Bremerhaven in the event of an extreme weather situation:

#### 1. Storm, strong snow or black ice

If an extreme weather situation is emerging, all schools are informed about changed teaching operations by the school office. As far as recognizable, this notification will be made to the schools until 12 o'clock on the previous day. The schools inform the parents and the students promptly about the changed class.

The notification will be announced via the usual reporting procedures (homepage, Itslearning, Schulcloud,....). There are no notifications via radio.

During the extreme weather situation, all students receive binding distance lessons. The attendance in school is suspended for this period.

The following applies to the individual school levels:

#### Primary schools

- At primary schools, the pupils receive either a material package for home processing or lessons take place in digital form from home.
- At the request of the parents, it is possible to enable the students to attend school for processing the tasks or for participating in digital lessons.
  In this case, the school's supervisory obligation is based on the respective school form (reliable primary school, open all-day school, bound all-day school).
  Please note: The driving services do not drive. For pupils concering the fields of perception and development, a childcare offer is held in all years.

# Secondary level I (secondary schools, Lloyd Gymnasium Jg. 5 to 9)

- Distance lessons in the schools in secondary level I take place in digital form.
- At the request of the parents, the pupils of grades 5 and 6 must be enabled to attend their respective school to participate in digital remote lessons.

## Secondary level II (high school, vocational schools)

In the schools of secondary school as well as at the adult school (evening school), digital remote lessons are carried out by the respective specialist teachers.

## 2. High outside temperatures

High outside temperatures have a very different effect on the individual premises in our schools, which is why the teaching operations must be based on the structural conditions of the individual school in these cases.

Basically, all schools will take precautions in order to ensure adequate teaching operations for the pupils even at high outside temperatures. For this purpose, the teachers will adapt to the climatic circumstances, for example, in shape, place and pace and of course take into account a possibly reduced performance of the pupils. This applies in particular to physical education.

Planned performance checks such as class tests or exams are postponed if there are no obligatory reasons.

A heat - related shortening of the lessons or the premature termination of the lesson ("heat - free") is only carried out in very special exceptional cases by the school supervision.

If pupils threaten health risks from the heat, for example, due to cardiovascular diseases, they can be exempt from participation in presence lessons for this day. According to the school's possibilities, the pupils will then receive distant lessons.

#### 3. Smog

For the very rare case of a persistently high air pollution from emissions (Smog), the lesson in the schools of all school levels is basically based on Section 1 of this information letter.

If you have any questions about this information letter, please contact the respective school administration or the school supervision.

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