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New COVID-19 safety measures in the APEEE services

Dear parents,

Following the last measures announced by the Belgian authorities on Friday 4 March 2022 and the subsequent decisions taken by the school management, please note the following changes to the COVID-19 safety measure which will be implemented within the APEEE services with immediate effect:

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

1. Face masks are still **mandatory on school buses for pupils from S1 to S7 and adults**. We recommend the use of face masks for younger pupils as well (without any obligation to do so).
2. All school buses are cleaned before every service and disinfected daily; the APEEE Office monitors closely the application of this rule by the bus companies.
3. No COVID-19 tracing will be conducted by the APEEE on the school buses.
4. Occasional changes to the official schedule of pupils as well as the purchase of occasional tickets are again permitted under the rules and conditions set out in our Transport Regulation. We remind parents that changes must be requested by email to transport@apeeeb3.be at least one working day in advance, and should be explicitly authorised on the basis of the availability of seats on the requested bus. This rule also applies to the purchase of occasional tickets.

CANTEEN

1. **The requirement to wear masks is repealed for all canteen users and staff**. However, those who wish to wear a mask should feel free to do so.
2. Possible changes in organization of the service will be discussed with the school and announced in due time.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. **The requirement for extracurricular activities instructors, APEEE staff and pupils (including secondary cycle pupils) to wear masks is repealed for indoor and outdoor use**. However, those who wish to wear a mask should feel free to do so.
2. The Extracurricular activities service gives priority to outdoor activities whenever possible and subject to weather conditions.

GENERAL

Max ventilation will be ensured during the bus journeys, in the refectory and during the indoor extracurricular activities.

General protective measures (regular hand washing with soap or gel, coughing and sneezing in the elbow) should always be respected.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Your APEEE