



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you may be aware, the Dutch government has changed its advice for schools on the Covid-19 protocols currently in place. **From Monday 20th September**, if a child tests positive for Covid-19, the child will remain at home in isolation but the whole class no longer has to be automatically quarantined.

The government has announced the following (translated from Dutch) -

What will change in primary education and childcare?

The source and contact investigation (BCO) for children in primary education and childcare will be relaxed from Monday 20 September 2021. If a child has tested positive, the child will remain at home in isolation. The child can return to school and childcare if they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours **and seven days have passed since the symptoms started or the infection was established**. If a child has tested positive for the coronavirus, the entire group or class no longer has to be quarantined. In principle, classmates of the infected child can all go to school. An exception may apply to children who have been in close contact in private (for example, if they have played at the home of the infected pupil); the advice on this is always provided by the GGD.

In order to help the school remain fully open, we ask you to continue to take all precautions necessary to limit the spread of the virus in school and follow the advice provided.

- Parents should continue to drop off their children at the gate or in the playground.
- If coming into the playground, please keep a distance of 1.5 metres and wear a face mask.
- If your child has cold symptoms with a fever and/or cough, we strongly advise you to **get them tested by the GGD** and wait for the results at home.
- Children who have corona remain at home until they are symptom-free **for at least 7 days after the test or since the infection was established**.
- If in doubt about your child's health, please check with the GGD.
- Keep the school fully informed - **we should always know the reason for an absence from school**.

What the school will do

We will continue to inform parents if there is a positive case in your child's class and ask you to closely monitor your child for the development of symptoms and to test for complaints that fit with Corona. We will continue to seek and follow the advice from the GGD.

Please click on the link below for information about how we will provide for learning to continue during Covid-19 closures or quarantine. 'Continuous Learning Guidelines'
<https://www.harbourinternational.nl/our-school/school-policies/>

If your personal home circumstances mean that this change in protocol will increase the risk for your child or someone else living in the home, then we will consult with you on the best way to provide for their educational needs.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please get in touch with me and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Kind regards

Jacquie