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To the
Parents and Pupils of the
Aargauer Volksschule

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Distance learning and childcare services during the coronavirus pandemic

Esteemed parents,

In accordance with the Federal Council's decision of 13 March 2020, classroom instruction and thus regular lessons have been prohibited in all schools as of 16 March 2020. For the time being, this directive will remain in effect until the end of spring holidays on 19 April 2020. In the Canton of Aargau, regular schooling was temporarily suspended until after the spring holidays as a measure with immediate effect. In addition, childcare services have been set up for those pupils who cannot receive supervision at home, e.g. because their parents have to work or if care would otherwise fall to an at-risk individual.

It is to be expected that the current extraordinary situation will continue for some time and that the Federal Council will have to maintain the prohibition on teaching in schools even after the spring holidays. As a consequence, the Department of Education, Culture and Sport (BKS) today issued a directive that regulates distance-learning teaching as of 20 April 2020. Schools are nevertheless also mandated to maintain the provision of childcare during the coronavirus pandemic, including during the spring holidays.

Distance learning means that students learn and work from home and that knowledge is imparted from a distance. Teaching assignments remain the school's responsibility. Parents, on the other hand, are responsible for planning the daily routine together with their children and providing them with the best possible working environment for independent learning at home. On the one hand, the local schools are responsible for implementing distance learning according to the possibilities and requirements of the school and school levels. On the other hand, they are also responsible for the requirements of the students at home.

Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation, which are important contributions in coping with the current situation.

Yours sincerely,



Alex Hürzeler, The State Council