

## Entry into force of the law for the protection of measles on 1 March 2020

### Here: Implementation at our school

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Dear parents,

In November 2019, the German Bundestag passed the German Measles Protection Act, which will come into force on 1 March 2020.

The matter at hand is that you must provide proof of measles protection for your children who are or will be registered at our school.

We as a school are obliged by law to verify the measles protection of our pupils. It is also a matter of fulfilling certain follow-up obligations in the event of failure to provide proof.

In concrete terms this means,

- that for all children who wish to be admitted to our school from 01 March 2020 either in the current school year or at the beginning of the school year 2020/21, proof in accordance with the German Measles Protection Act must be provided at the latest **one day before the actual start of lessons**
- that for all children who already have a school relationship at our school on 01 March 2020 and therefore already attend school at that date, **proof must be provided by the end of 31 July 2021.**

The required proof can be provided as follows:

- ⇒ Vaccination card or vaccination certificate (§ 22 Paragraph 1 and 2 Infection Protection Act) about an adequate protection against measles (two measles vaccinations),
- ⇒ Medical certificate of adequate vaccination against measles,
- ⇒ Medical certificate of immunity to measles,

- ⇒ A medical certificate stating that vaccination is not possible due to a medical contraindication (the length of time during which vaccination against measles is not possible must also be stated)
- ⇒ Confirmation from another governmental body or a body designated by the measles protection law that one of the above-mentioned proofs has already been submitted.

Pupils who are legally required to attend school may attend school even without proof in accordance with the Measles Protection Act. This means that the school relationship can be established with these pupils and their attendance at school lessons can be started or continued.

In cases in which the evidence is not or not sufficiently provided within the above-mentioned deadlines, the headmasters are obliged to inform the responsible health authority immediately. The public health department will then take further steps.

Please note the enclosed information on processing data of pupils for the implementation of the Federal Measles Protection Act in schools.

With kind regards