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## **Information for caregivers because of coronavirus and Covid-19**

As we all know, we continue to attempt to reduce the spread of infection by Covid-19.

### **Childcare**

**Preschools follow the Public Health Authority's recommendations and remain open as usual.**

Still, we recommend that the caregivers that are on parental leave or seeking employment and have the ability to stay at home with their children to do this. This is because we have many people absent and to reduce the risk of any spread of infection. Recommendations apply up until Easter vacation (19 April) or until something else is announced.

To reduce the risks for spreading infection, children and personnel must be attentive to symptoms such as fever, cough and difficulty breathing and with such symptoms must stay at home. This also applies to milder symptoms such as sore throats, runny noses and muscle and joint pain. Children and personnel, like everyone else in society, must stay home as long as they feel sick and they must be symptom-free for two days before they can go back to the preschool.

The open preschool will be kept closed until further notice.

### **Education**

**Advice to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus infection in schools**

To reduce the risk of infection, students and personnel must be attentive to symptoms such as fever, cough and difficulty breathing, and with such symptoms, they must stay at home. This also applies to milder symptoms such as sore throats, runny noses and muscle and joint pain. Students and personnel, like everyone else in society, must stay home as long as they feel sick and they must be symptom free for two days before they can return to school.

**Healthy children must go to school**

Most students who attend elementary school or similar forms of school, have a duty to attend school and are therefore expected to be in school. Currently, the Public Health Authority considers that there isn't reason from an infection control perspective that healthy students should stay home from school.



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**Remote learning**

If it happens that our schools are closed, or we have many students and staff sick from seasonal influenza, we will be prepared with plans to offer remote instruction. Therefore, it is important that students take home their computers and appropriate equipment/literature each day.

**If a student becomes sick during the school day**

If a student becomes ill during the school day, the student must go home as soon as possible. The staff will then contact the student's caregiver and assess whether the student can go home themselves, or should wait in a separate room until a caregiver arrives.

**Prioritize students in grades 9 and gymnasium [high school] grade 3 [i.e. seniors]**

Students in the last grade of elementary school and who will have a finishing certificate to apply to studies at a Gymnasium [high school], and students in the last year of gymnasium are prioritized to receive instruction. Mentors for these students have a special responsibility to follow up so that instruction that is missed can be taken again.

**External trips and study trips are cancelled**

During the coming weeks, external trips and study trips are cancelled to reduce the risk of infection. Prao for grade 8 is moved up to later in the term, or to the next teaching year. Development conversations are moved up or done remotely/telephone/Skype.

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**Reduce the child's anxiety about the coronavirus**

Many are unsettled right now about the progress of the coronavirus. The intensive media reporting and discussions about the virus around dinner tables and in school yards can also evoke feelings and thoughts among children. See the link below about what you should think about when you speak with children about the coronavirus. The most important thing is to listen to the child and to not transfer your own anxiety to the child.

**Now we must help!**

We are faced with large challenges in Emmaboda municipality and in our business in preschools and schools. Now we must help each other and make it as good as possible for our children and students.

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**Links for more information**

*Emmaboda municipality* <https://www.emmaboda.se/>

*This is how you should talk to your children about the coronavirus*

Bris: <https://www.bris.se/for-barn-och-unga/corona-viruset/>

*Information from the Swedish National Agency for Education and the Public Health Authority*

*Swedish National Agency for Education:* [www.skolverket.se](http://www.skolverket.se)

*Public Health Authorities:*

<https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/smittskydd-beredskap/utbrott/aktuella-utbrott/covid-19/information-till-skola-och-forskola-om-den-nya-sjukdomen-covid-19/>