

Information for parents on protective law against measles

Dear parents,

The new protective law against measles came in to force on the 1st of March 2020.

Measles belongs to the category of infectious diseases whose transmission can happen without any direct contact. The disease can lead to adverse complications and other diseases may occur as a result. Vaccinations are the best protection against measles. They make sure that you have lifelong immunity.

By not vaccinating you are not only putting you own health at risk, but also that of others.

According to the law:

- You have to provide the school proof of a measles vaccination for your child, if your child is either already enrolled at a school or you wish to do so.
- Heads of schools are under obligation by law to check whether school children have been vaccinated against measles.

Implementation of this means in other words,

- all children who would want to start school from 1st of March 2020 should produce necessary proof according to the protective law against measles **prior to the actual start of lessons**.
- all children who are already attending school since 1st March 2020, should have produced necessary proof **till 31st July 2021**.

The required proof is normally the submission of **a vaccination certificate** or confirmation (there has to be a record of two measles vaccinations)

You are required to show proof of vaccination only once for the entire school career.

If you fail to produce proof, heads of schools are under obligation by law to immediately inform the relevant health authority. The health authority will then take necessary steps (counselling, fines).

For further information log on to www.masernschutz.de.

Please take note of the enclosed information on the system of data processing which school children are subjected to. This measure is necessary to help implement the state protective law against measles in schools.

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English

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