

THE TIMETABLE FOR THE RELAXATION OF THE LOCKDOWN MEASURES IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION

In recent days, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport has been working intensively with the Ministry of Health and epidemiologists with regard to relaxing the exceptional measures in the area of education as part of the overall scenario for phasing out the lockdown. The limited return to school will especially involve those who have to complete a state or school-leaving exam or various final exams. Junior school pupils at primary school will also be able to return to school on a voluntary basis. Schools will predominantly remain closed for the others, including the pupils from some special schools, until the end of the school year. The timetable reflects the current epidemiological situation in the Czech Republic and it is one of the measures of the Ministry of Health aimed at phasing out the lockdown. This may be updated or supplemented on the basis of any developments in the epidemiological situation. Any information pertaining to requalification, language education, summer camps and informal education (interest groups) will also be gradually elaborated.

Pupils in Year 9 will also be able to return to school from 11th May for the purpose of preparing for entrance examinations for secondary school. The attendance by these pupils will not be compulsory and lessons will take place in groups of a maximum of 15 people.

Attendance will also be possible at **arts primary schools, language schools with the right to hold state language examinations and one-year foreign language courses with daily lessons.** Once again, lessons will only be able to take place in groups of up to 15 people.

The activities of leisure time centres (groups of a maximum of 15 people), attendance at schools in children's homes, at young offenders' and youth detention institutions and at healthcare institutions will also be reopened as of 11th May. **Likewise, educational advisory centres (for example, educational-psychological advisory services and special educational centres)** will also resume their activities.

Junior primary school students will be able to attend educational activities in the form of school groups from 25th May. However, the attendance will not be compulsory. **Distance learning will continue to take place as part of the protection of at-risk groups of teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as the pupils and their family members.**

- *The recommended number of pupils in a school group is 15. It will be possible to increase this number according to the local conditions, but there must always only be one child at each desk.*
- *The composition of the groups will not change and the children will therefore not be able to change groups. Any mutual contact between the groups will be limited.*
- *After-school care, school clubs and interest groups over and above one group will not be permitted.*
- *Physical education will be prohibited.*
- *The opening of school canteens will be conditional upon the current epidemiological situation and the local conditions, especially the option of separating the individual groups.*
- *The wearing of facemasks during lessons will be recommended, but the teacher will be able to decide on whether they need to be worn as needed. However, face masks will be compulsory*

during any group work or activities requiring the pupils to be in close proximity to one another and also outside the classroom and in the school's common areas.

June 2020 – If the epidemiological situation allows, consultations or occasional education activities will be possible for senior primary school pupils and secondary school pupils.

The school entrance exams for entry into secondary schools are expected to be held **in June**.

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