

Changes in school operations and school dining (source: <https://www.msmt.cz/>)

School dining from Wednesday 25 November 2020:

School dining facilities will be in open. Their operations will be subject to the rules that apply to non-public catering services.

It is essential to adhere to the following requirements when operating school dining services:

- spacing of at least 1.5 metres between individual tables,
- the maximum number of people at one table is limited to 4 (it is possible to seat more people at a table if it is long, but there must be a distance of at least 2 metres between the groups of people),
- there may not be more people present in the school dining room than there are places to sit,
- only pupils and students attending school lessons and staff present in the workplace are entitled to dine in the school dining hall; any other pupils, students, school employees and external diners may only receive their meal from a serving hatch (take-away),
- it is necessary to adopt organisational measures pertaining to queues of people waiting for their meals and the consumption of food, so that:
 - pupils/students from various classes/groups do not intermingle and
 - pupils/students studying at school do not intermingle with any individuals arriving to pick up take-away meals.

Pupils are entitled to subsidised lunches during any mandatory distance learning.

School pupils/students are obliged to wear a facemask when at school, with the exception of the period when they are eating their meals.

School operations from 30 November

Kindergarten operations from Monday 30 November 2020:

- The operations of kindergartens (including schools and classes established in compliance with section 16, subsection 9 of the Education Act) will be preserved in their current form, i.e. while adhering to the operating rules according to the Manual.
- The children and teachers will not be required to wear masks. All other employees and individuals moving about the school will be obliged to wear masks throughout the entire period that they are at school.
- An escort may accompany a child into the changing room area (for the essential period of time). The entry of any third parties (other than the children or staff) into the school facilities will otherwise only be possible on justified grounds and with the implementation of modes of operation that ensure minimal contact with the children. Examples of any such third parties may include, for example, the children's legal guardians, inspection bodies (for example, the Czech Schools Inspectorate), employees from the educational advisory centre and the regional hygiene station and any individuals making deliveries or supplying any other essential services.

Primary school operations from Monday 30 November 2020:

- School attendance will be compulsory for:
 - children included in preparatory classes at primary school,
 - junior primary school pupils,
 - pupils in year 9 at primary school,
 - pupils in years 6 – 8 at primary school in so-called rotating lesson mode – classes will alternate weekly,
 - pupils at schools established as part of facilities for the performance of institutional or protective care,
 - pupils at schools established at healthcare facilities.
- In-person lessons will be compulsory for these pupils.
- The rotating lessons for the senior primary school level will not apply to schools and classes under section 16, subsection 9 of the Education Act (the full in-person attendance of the pupils will continue at these schools).
- The objective of the rotating (alternating) lessons is to organise education for a temporary period in such a way so as to reduce the number of pupils present at school:
 - The school principal will divide the classes (lone classes will not be divided) into two groups and designate which class groups will be taught in person during odd-numbered weeks and which during even-numbered weeks. The number of classes in both groups can differ by a maximum of 1 class.
 - Classes that do not have in-person learning in a given week, will be obliged to undertake distance learning. All year 9 classes will be obliged to attend in-person lessons.
- The in-person lessons will take place in homogenous groups (collectives from individual classes will not mix together). It is recommended that the arrival and departure of the pupils should be organised in such a way so that pupils from different classes do not come into contact.
- In-person individual consultations at school will be possible (always only one pupil and one teacher), at which the pupil's legal guardian may also be present. This will also be available to pupils who are involved in distance learning at the given time. The school principal will decide on the organisation of any consultations with regard to the pupils' educational needs.
- School pupils and staff will be obliged to wear masks throughout the entire period that they are at school (including at after-school care and the school club). If it is essential for the children to see the teacher's mouth during lessons, it will be possible to replace a facemask with a face shield in exceptional circumstances, provided a distance of at least 2 metres from all individuals is maintained.
- The entry of any third parties (other than pupils and staff) into school premises will only be possible in justified cases while adhering to measures aimed at reducing any contact with the pupils. Examples of such third parties may include, for example, the legal guardians of children who are minors, the members of examining committees, inspection bodies (for example the Czech Schools Inspectorate), employees from the educational advisory centre and the regional hygiene station and any individuals making deliveries or supplying any other essential services.
- Singing and sports activities (including swimming) will be prohibited during lessons.
- The operations of after-school care and the school club will be permitted, provided the homogeneity of the pupils from one class is preserved. If this is not possible on staff grounds, it will be possible to put the children from one year into a group at after-school care (but not at the school club).
- If the homogeneity of the group is preserved, it will be possible to undertake educational activities outdoors, including outside the school premises.
- The activities of the schools and educational facilities designated in compliance with Government Decree no. 1109 (care for the children of parents in selected professions) will end.

Special school operations from Monday 30 November 2020:

- In-person lessons will be further permitted for:
 - pupils at primary schools and in classes established in compliance with section 16, subsection 9 of the Education Act,
 - children in preparatory classes at special primary schools,
 - pupils in the One-Year Practical School and Two-Year Practical School courses.
- Compulsory in-person learning will continue for these pupils.
- The in-person lessons will take place in homogenous groups (collectives from individual classes will not mix together). It is recommended that the arrival and departure of the pupils should be organised in such a way so that pupils from different classes do not come into contact. Children, pupils and teaching staff will not be required to wear masks (not even at after-school care or the school club).
- The entry of any third parties (other than pupils and staff) into school premises will only be possible in justified cases while adhering to measures aimed at reducing any contact with the pupils. Examples of such third parties may include, for example, the legal guardians of children who are minors, the members of examining committees, inspection bodies (for example the Czech Schools Inspectorate), employees from the educational advisory centre and the regional hygiene station and any individuals making deliveries or supplying any other essential services.
- If the homogeneity of the group is preserved, it will be possible to realise educational activities outdoors, including outside the school premises.
- The operations of after-school care and the school club will be permitted, provided the homogeneity of the pupils from one class is preserved. If this is not possible on staff grounds, it will be possible to put the children from one year into a group at after-school care (but not at the school club).
- The operations of any other schools and classes under section 16, subsection 9 of the Education Act stated above (i.e. in the case of secondary schools outside the fields of the One-Year Practical School and Two-Year Practical School courses and specialist upper secondary schools) will always be subject to the rules applying to the specific type of school and their regular classes.