

Schools and after-school programmes (SFO) are set to open on Monday 27. April

The pupils in grades 1-4 are set to start school again on Monday 27. April. We are all focused on creating a safe, protected and controlled school environment.

The Ministry of Education has issued guidelines for how schools are to organize the running of the school to ensure it will be a predictable and safe setting for everyone. The administration in Eigersund will draw upon experiences made when the kindergartens opened again.

The schools will arrange ordinary school days and have regular opening hours for after-school programmes.

In the remaining days until schools open again, there will be an extensive and thorough process regarding practical routines for the management of the individual school. Routines regarding infection prevention are going to be implemented. This will be done in close cooperation with the various public and private schools in Eigersund, the Head of Infection Control (MD), public health nurses, our cleaning crew, and relevant administrative staff in Eigersund.

Attendance

The schools will make a plan to prevent too many pupils from gathering in one place upon arrival. We request that parents do not enter the school premises unless absolutely necessary. Please check information on the school's homepage or contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Reduced contact between persons

Reduced contact between persons will help minimize the risk of infection between persons who are yet unaware of being infectious. To achieve this we will aim to increase the physical distance between people and reduce the number of people working closely together. There will not be held large gatherings or meetings where people may come into close contact with other people. However, it is important to stress that the staff will still be attentive to the pupils' needs for comfort and care, thus making them feel safe in this new situation.

The schools will reduce the number of adults working with the pupils and make sure that they stay with their assigned group/groups. There will be approximately 15 pupils per teacher in grades 1-4. These smaller and fixed groups will be helpful in limiting infections and if need be, trace infections. Within a group, pupils and staff can play and work freely.

Two groups can cooperate to make the school day run more smoothly, but then preferably outdoors.

Recess

The pupils will have recess with their group/groups (max. 2x15 pupils). Routines will be made as to which outdoor areas of the school will be used by which groups. These will rotate every day.

After-school programmes (SFO)

After-school programmes will have regular opening hours and adhere to the new guidelines. The pupils will, as far as practically possible, be kept in “their” group. The intention is that the activities will take place outdoors as much as possible.

Cleaning

Routines will be made regarding the cleaning of areas indoors and outdoors, before, during and after opening hours. This will be in accordance with national guidelines. There will be extra cleaners at each school.

When is a child to be kept at home?

When a pupil is showing signs of having a respiratory infection he or she is to be kept at home until the symptoms are gone, plus one additional day. See national guidelines (link below).

Parents or legal guardians will be contacted if a pupil shows symptoms of respiratory infections during the school day. It is very important that the pupil is collected as soon as possible.

The public health nurses will be available at the schools as normal.

School transport will run as normal

The authorities are issuing guidelines regarding infection control. These guidelines also apply to school transport. In addition to the rule of maintaining a distance of one - 1 - meter, it is important to notice:

The bus drivers do not have the capacity to instruct the pupils in how to sit and maintain the distance between them. The pupils must have been given the correct instructions in advance.

There is to be only one person per double seat, however, siblings may sit together.

The drivers are unable to help the youngest pupils with their seatbelts.

The door to the front of the bus will be closed. All entry/exit will be through the rear doors.

Extra cleaning routines will be implemented. Drivers will wipe down every surface with a disinfectant after each trip.

Feel free to seek out extra information in the guidance brochure made by the Ministry of Education

<https://www.udir.no/kvalitet-og-kompetanse/sikkerhet-og-beredskap/informasjon-om-koronaviruset/smittevernveileder/skoletrinn-1-7/>

or the letter written to all parents

Informasjon til foreldre med barn i skolen

and this film to all parents and staff

<https://vimeo.com/409798493>