

## 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.

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**Junior school primary pupils will be able to partake in educational activities in the form of school groups from 25<sup>th</sup> May.** The pupils' participation will not be compulsory. **However, social distancing will be practiced during lessons in order to protect any at-risk groups of teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as the pupils and their family members.** Lessons will also start from that date at arts primary schools, language schools with the right to hold state language examinations and leisure time centres, but always with a maximum of five children.

- *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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