

Amstelveen, March 18, 2020

Dear parent(s) and / or caregiver(s),

The Corona virus continues. The unrest and uncertainty which has arisen is creating much uncertainty for parents/carers. We do not yet know how long this situation will last, or the best way to efficiently continue to educate our children. This issue will require cooperation from many different parties, but it is above all a time to take sensible, appropriate steps.

At the KBW Nw West Foundation we are working in collaboration with all our schools to change our educational systems as quickly and effectively as possible, to ensure we are prepared for both long- and short-term outcomes.

A number of agreements have been made, which apply to all schools within the KBA Nw West Foundation. Your cooperation is of utmost importance – without your contribution and participation we will not be able to take the necessary steps. I therefore ask you to please read and take note of the agreements below:

- The KBA Nw West Foundation will adhere to all government guidelines. This means all schools of the foundation are closed and no pupils are allowed in schools for the purposes of education.
- The school will provide care for children of families where at least one parent/guardian works in a vital sector<sup>1</sup>. Before requesting care from the schools, it is important that parents/guardians appeal to their own network for childcare. Only after this, and after consultation with the Director, will steps be taken to provide childcare. Provision of childcare allows children the opportunity to do their homework, not to have classes.
- As indicated by government guidelines, employees of the KBA Nw West Foundation will continue to work. This means that the school will be occupied, and that the employees, in consultation with their directors, will focus on designing education and educational systems for the short and medium term. Vulnerable employees may work from home, after agreement with the director. Sick employees must remain at home.
- The school will provide an improvised educational structure in the short term. This will be generic and focused on meeting the immediate need. It is important that parents/guardians guide their child in carrying out assignments. If there are problems with this, please contact the school at the agreed time.
- Each school in the KBA Nw West Foundation will be accessible for 2 hours per school day for children and parents/carers. This will be arranged by mail, telephone or other communication channels regularly used by the school. The Director of your school will inform you of the specifics for your institution.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.rijksoverheid.nl](http://www.rijksoverheid.nl)



- In the longer term, the KBA Nw West Foundation is working on a digital education platform solution, which will offer education for all age ranges. More information will be provided on this soon.
- It has been confirmed that the final test for Group 8 will not happen. Students received school advice last week. This advice is the most important factor in choosing a secondary school level. Next year, additional attention will be paid as to whether a child is in the appropriate level of school. Your school will provide more information on this.
- The Director of each school will be in charge of general communication with parents/guardians. The Director is the first point of contact for the school.

I realize that this asks a lot from you. We have no other options at this time. We also do not know how long this situation will last. For the time being, the government has indicated that schools will be closed until April 6<sup>th</sup>. It is important that schools and foundations have the time and opportunity to be able to properly design and use distance education in this special situation.

Please address any questions you have to the Director of your school.

With kind regards,

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