

## Information for caretakers in the public schools of Trysil

This is in reference to the information published by the schools 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 regarding the closing of schools.

In the current situation a lot of questions will appear. We hope that the following information can provide some answers to your questions.

### **Supervision arrangements**

The government states: "School- and kindergarten-owners have a responsibility to assure that children of personnel in critically defined society functions are provided with proper care."

There must therefore exist a supervision arrangement available for children of personnel in health- and care services, transport services, or within other critical society functions. The same goes for children with special care needs who cannot be adequately looked after when schools, kindergartens or other daytime facilities are closed.

### **Which are defined as "critical society functions"?**

We receive several questions about what "critical society functions" are, and who has the right to supervision in kindergarten/SFO. These are defined to be:

- Management and crisis management
- Defense
- Law and order
- Health and care
- Rescue services
- ICT-security in private sectors
- Nature and environment
- Supply safety
- Water and drainage
- Financial services
- Power supply
- Electronic communications
- Transport
- Satellite based services
- Pharmacies

There must be made continual assessments as to who falls under the definition "critical society functions". Based on this the actual need for supervision must be weighed.

Remember that a main priority is to stop further spreading of the infection, including avoiding gathering lots of people.

Regarding a need for supervision, it is imperative that you report this to your school as early as possible, and from week to week.

### **Education**

The schools will arrange for remote education for the students, and the students will follow the plans laid out by the schools.

Those students who are without access to computers at home, will be able to borrow computers from their school. Such arrangements must be made directly with the school, and the caretakers will be expected to sign a written agreement.

It is highly recommended that the caretakers try to maintain as normal a routine as possible, especially when it comes to day-/night-rhythms for the students.

Caretakers are advised to not arrange playgroups or other gatherings of children, in order to contribute to the big push of preventing contamination.

### **Parent payment**

How the closing of SFO will affect parent payment, is a matter we will have to return to.

### **Packed lunches**

There is a prohibition on buffets. As a result, children in supervision arrangements will need to bring packed lunches.

### **Duration of closing**

The government has informed us that “for now the kindergartens and schools will be closed until 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020. This might be prolonged.”

### **Care benefits**

When it comes to care benefits for children – we refer you to Trysil kommune’s webpages. On the webpages you will find a dedicated tab for the Corona virus. We encourage everyone to keep updated on the information found here: <https://www.trysil.kommune.no/tema/helse-og-omsorg/legetjenesten/Sider/Koronaviruset.aspx>

We encourage everyone to keep cool heads and warm hearts. Be conscious of how you talk about corona, and show respect – a lot of people will be affected.

If there are other questions – take it up with the school’s principal who might be able to answer directly, or who will direct the question to the undersigned.

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