

This is a translation of a letter from Børne- og Undervisningsministeriet (Minister of Education) sent to all parents.

The letter is signed by the Minister of Education Pernille Rosenkrantz-Theil, school associations, trade unions, employers' association, organizations and associations for schools and higher education.

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Dear Parents,

In many places in the country, more and more people are getting infected with corona again. A large proportion of them are children and young people aged 10-29. We must stop that development. But only with joint help can we slow down the infection again. We did it in the spring. Now is the time for us to roll up our sleeves again - not only to wash our hands, but also to get rid of the widespread infection.

For that, we ask for your help.

Many children, young people and adults already follow the Danish Health and Medicines Authority's general guidelines for preventing infection. And to them there must sound a big thank you. But when the coronavirus gets such a good grip on the Danes again - and especially the young - we must unfortunately state that we again have a big common task in reducing the infection.

Therefore, we ask you as a parent to talk to your child / children about corona and the risk of infection. There will of course be a difference in the relevance, depending on whether your child is eight or 17 years old, but with the letter here we send a broad appeal to all parents who have children in school and youth education.

What can you do?

You should cancel or not attend any planned social events related to school, leisure activities and youth education. The recommendation from the authorities to cancel social events applies partly to private events that are not arranged by the institution or school, such as class parties, joint birthdays, joint parent events, which are often arranged by parents or the students themselves. In part, this applies to social events or events in connection with the school day or outside normal school hours, such as class parties, shared breakfast, camp schools and study trips. The measures apply until 4 October 2020.

You can encourage your children who have reached the age of having a mobile phone to use the "Smittestop" app. And feel free to do so yourself. You can find the app at smittestop.dk

You can show your children that you only hug the friends that you already see a lot with and who you are close to. And that you can still be in touch with other friends via, for example, social media.

You can tell your children - if they have reached an age where it makes sense to talk about it - that there is a risk of late effects for all corona infections. And that there is still a lot we do not know about corona, so therefore it is important that we all help to slow down the development of infection.

The National Board of Health has made a booklet aimed at just the young people that you may be able to use. It can be found in Danish.

These are our suggestions. You can probably come up with many more. The most important thing is that we all do something.

For let us finally state: None of us can fight corona alone. We have to stand together.

Thank you in advance for your efforts and help.

Med venlig hilsen
Yours sincerely,

Pernille Rosenkrantz-Theil

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