

Dear GSIS school community,

After [Friday](#) everything went very fast and the news of the temporary closure of the school was certainly surprising to many of you, we would like to go into some details again to hopefully provide more clarity.

First of all, we would like to inform you that the school closure is not related to people already infected or having contact to such - within the GSIS school community.

As already mentioned, our decision was taken as a purely precautionary measure and was implemented in consultation with and on the recommendation of the German Embassy. We have been as surprised as you by the speed of the closure. However, the circumstances here on site made it necessary to act quickly and decisively. What had led to days of discussion and deliberation in Germany had to be implemented more quickly in Ghana in order to contain a rapid spread. Since both confirmed cases come from expatriate circles, the closure of the international institutions in the country was the obvious choice. As I am sure you know, many of the large international schools in Accra have by now been closed.

Many of the news that have been circulating on the social media since [yesterday](#) in this connection are false and without any foundation. Especially the news of a user unknown to us, who spread fake news about parents of GSIS, who allegedly were at a party of the Norwegian Ambassador, are wrong.

The user claims to be an employee of the school, but she is not known at our school. We know that this or similar false reports are very disturbing and annoying for you and others.

We would like to ask you to help us to stop such false reports and put them right. Especially in these difficult times, please let us act calmly and trust each other in such stressful situations.

We, the board and the school management, will do everything possible to master this difficult situation unscathed. We need your support in this. If you read such messages and are surprised by their content, please ask us before sharing them. Thank you very much for this.

By now all students should have received assignments from the teachers.

If you have any questions about individual tasks or need further materials, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We also refer again to good learning apps that can be used depending on the age group. We will send you a list of these in the next few days.

We will keep you up to date and send you all further information as soon as possible.

Stay healthy!!

With kind regards

Board and school management