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### Registering your child for primary school for the 2020-21 school year

Dear parent or guardian,

next year your child will start a new phase in his or her life – he or she will reach compulsory school age and will need to start school following the 2020 summer holidays.

— You can register your child at one faith school, i.e. a catholic or protestant primary school, or one non-faith school in the City of Münster.

I would like to provide you with the following information on the procedure for registering your child:

School administrations at the city's primary schools will be accepting registrations from

#### **November 4–8, 2019**

Please arrange an appointment with the school administration at your preferred primary school in the week before the above registration date. This will help to avoid lengthy waiting times.

— The headmaster or headmistress would like to get to know your daughter or son before starting school. Therefore please bring your child with you when you come to register.

When registering, you will require your child's birth certificate or *Familienstammbuch* (family register) and your identity card or *Meldebescheinigung* (residency registration certificate). **Please fill in the enclosed registration form and bring it with you when you come to register.**

You can get a better picture of your preferred primary school at an information evening or the open day. A list of dates for school information events is enclosed with this letter.

With regard to the registration procedure for the 2020–21 school year, it should be noted that schools cannot exceed the class guidelines set out by the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. These specify how many reception classes in total will be offered in the City of Münster and how many each school can offer.

Depending on the registrations received and the number of classes offered at each primary school, it is possible that not all children will be able to attend the primary school at which they have registered

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In the event that more children have registered for a primary school than it is able to accept, the school will first assess for which children it is the **nearest primary school**. In the case of faith schools, of those children meeting this criterion, children of the same religious denomination as the school will be given priority.

If the school then still has free spaces, the following criteria will apply:

- children whose siblings are already attending that primary school
- length of the route to school

If the school still has free places, children for whom it is **not the nearest school** may then be accepted. Once again, in the case of faith schools, children of the same religious denomination as the school will be given priority. The following criteria will apply:

- children whose siblings are already attending that primary school
- length of the route to school

Final decisions on admission to the preferred school are expected to be made in early 2020. In the event that your child is not able to be admitted to your preferred primary school, you will be contacted by the school administration at the school at which you registered your child, who will advise you further.

Costs for travelling to and from school will be met if you register your child at the **nearest** faith or non-faith primary school **which still has places available**, and the **shortest** pedestrian route to this school is more than two kilometres.

Useful information on schools and starting school can be found on the *Amt für Schule und Weiterbildung* (Education Office) website at [www.stadt-muenster.de/bildung](http://www.stadt-muenster.de/bildung).

The website provides information on special lesson types and childcare options. It also provides contact details for schools and links to individual school websites.

You will also find useful information on topics such as travelling to school, grants, languages and integration.

Mr. Engbert (Tel: 0251- 492 4054) or Ms. Pusch (Tel: 0251- 492 4051) at the *Amt für Schule und Weiterbildung* will be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

It just remains to wish your child a good start in their new school, a successful school career and above all lots of fun at their primary school.

Yours sincerely,  
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Head of the *Amt für Schule und Weiterbildung*

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