

Dear Parent,

We are again confronted with a crisis situation in childcare, this time because of the slowness surrounding testing for corona. You have probably already picked up on that from the national media and unfortunately it is no different at Op Stoom.

Staff members with cold symptoms sometimes have to wait almost a week for a request and result of a corona test. During all this time, our employees cannot work at Op Stoom. At the moment, this is causing daily problems to complete the schedule. The coming fall (and the accompanying cold symptoms) is even more worrying in terms of staffing.

In a normal situation we would currently have enough staff, because many new employees have been hired at Op Stoom in the past four months and hardly anyone has left. Due to the current situation regarding testing for corona, we still have to do all we can to have sufficient staff working each day.

We have informed the GGD inspection about the current situation. We look at what options we have for each location, for example with the employability of employees who are still in training or with second- or third-year interns known to children (in addition to certified staff members) to have sufficient staffing on a daily basis.

We have a close connection with education and our trade association. We all want to prevent the closure of groups and school classes, because that has an enormous impact on the Netherlands. At Op Stoom, everyone wants to work together so that your children can still come and enjoy the childcare.

We hope to have informed you sufficiently. If you have any questions, you can ask them via: [vrAGEN@opstoom.nl](mailto:vrAGEN@opstoom.nl).

Sincerely,

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