

**Obligation set out in the German Measles Protection Act to submit proof of protection against measles by 31.07.2021**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

the new Measles Protection Act has applied in Germany since 1 March 2020. This law should ensure that measles is eliminated altogether. All pupils and school employees must show that they have had sufficient vaccination against measles, are immune to measles or have a medical contraindication. Your child was already attending a Hamburg school on 1 March 2020 **and must submit the following proof to the school office - in its original form or as a certified copy - by the end of 31 July.** The following can be submitted as proof of protection against measles:

- a vaccination certificate or vaccination documentation for people who have been vaccinated twice, or
- a medical certificate of immunity against measles, for people who have already had measles in the past, for example, or
- a medical certificate of a contraindication, for people who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, or
- confirmation from another public authority that the required proof has already been provided.

Uncertified photocopies, faxes and scanned documents will not be sufficient. A medical certificate must be signed by a doctor and have a stamp from the doctor's practice.

If there are still doubts about the proof submitted by 1 August 2021, proof has not yet been submitted or there is a temporary contraindication, this must be reported to the responsible health authority. The subsequent procedure will then be conducted by the health authority.

Your child is allowed and required to attend school, even if you have not yet submitted the proof as indicated above.

Best regards,