

POSTPONED BUT NOT CANCELLED

Dear Friends of the English Book Sale,

As you have probably realized from our long silence, we have been waiting for news about whether we'll be able to hold our annual Book Sale as usual in Haar Gymnasium and you, like us, will no doubt be very disappointed to hear that we learnt this week that we won't be able to hold the Sale there this year. To maintain social distancing the school needs all the space it can get and the auditorium is in constant use, which means that it wouldn't be available for us to sort and price the donations and hold the Sale. We have been racking our brains to find some other venue which is large enough to accommodate the Sale and our many customers and which also has sufficient space for us to sort, price and temporarily store all the thousands of books you so generously donate. So far we've not come up with any answers, apart from postponing the sale, but do let us know if you have any good ideas.

Many of you will probably have put books on one side to donate to the sale: our storage capacity is pretty limited so we would ask you to hold on to your donations for the time being. Do, however, get in touch with Kirsten if you need to offload your books urgently, for example if you're moving house. You can contact her on 01525 348 2657 (preferably by WhatsApp), to arrange a possible drop-off.

As you have no doubt already realized, every cent you spend on books and DVDs at our sales is used to support humanitarian and environmental projects in our partner community in Ilembula (Tanzania). The money is used in particular for education and to support needy families and orphans, often on an ongoing basis, and the lack of income from our Autumn Sale will mean that we will not be able to maintain all these commitments. The attached letter will give you more information about this and we would greatly appreciate any financial help you could give us. If you take a look at our website www.ilembula.de/aktion/annual-booksale you will get an idea of the sort of practical assistance your support helps to provide for people in Ilembula. We will of course keep you informed about any new developments concerning the Book Sale and hope to see you soon. Stay safe and keep well.

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