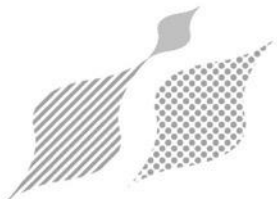


Management of schools and preschools during the pandemic Linköping Municipality

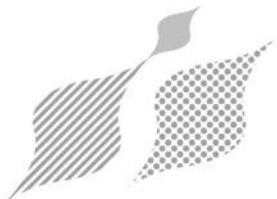
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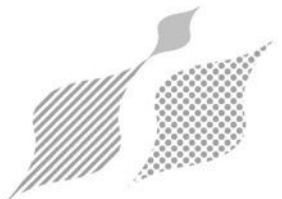
City - Background

- Linköping is the fifth largest city in Sweden, ca 165 000 citizens
- Located 200 km south of Stockholm
- A large University, University Hospital, Science park, a large aviation industry as well as numerous agricultural and forestry industries.
- A few socio-economically disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- 50 public schools, ages six to sixteen
- 132 public preschools



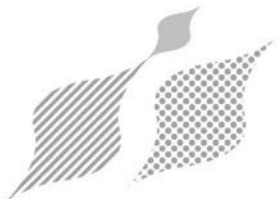
When the pandemic struck..

- Multiple sources of information
- Facts or fiction?
- Staff organization
- Core principles



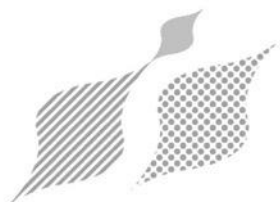
Goals and Principles

- Schools should remain open as much as possible
- Adhere to guidelines and advice provided by the Public Health Agency, the Government and local health authorities
- Employee situation
- Negative effects of closing down schools/preschools?



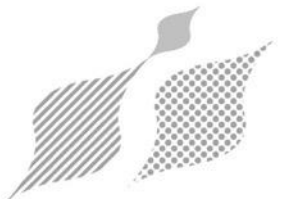
Major decisions

- Reducing time in preschools for children with parents that are unemployed or on parental leave.
- Temporary shutdowns of "Open Preschools"
- "Shortened" semester, Christmas 2020



Early 2022

- Peak pandemic situation in our schools/preschools in late January – early February
- Multiple short-term shutdowns
- Extremely hectic time period



Conclusions/Lessons learned

- Communication is key
- Mutual trust
- Stand firm
- Work broadly
- Long term effects?

