**Kids, draw yourselves!**

**A call for participation in a digital exhibition**

Schools are closed; you are not allowed to see your best friends nor your grandparents; in some countries, children are not even allowed to go out into the streets. The pandemic has the world in its grip. Be it in China, Japan, or India, in Iran or Turkey, in Italy, Germany, or Denmark, in the USA or Mexico, suddenly people everywhere are faced with isolation. Nothing is what it used to be. Pulsating cities are turning into ghost towns; thousands of faces disappear behind protective masks.

How do children react to the great insecurity of the adults around them and the disturbing events that have everyone worrying? How do they see themselves in this exceptional situation? Three children from Taiwan have sent very moving portraits to our library. We take these children’s pictures as an incentive to invite all the children of the world to draw themselves.

What we would like to know is: How are you? What are your thoughts and feelings? How do you live in times of major restrictions? Please paint or draw yourselves and send us your pictures as a scan so that we can exhibit them in our digital gallery as part of the exhibition "Kids, draw yourselves! Please include your given name, your age, and the country you live in.

Please send the scans by e-mail to: direktion@ijb.de

We look forward to receiving your artwork!

**Best wishes from the team of the International Youth Library in Munich**