

## Fourth episode of the science podcast "exzellent erklärt" now online

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[Prof. Pia Pinger](#) herself was surprised by the extent at which some children were left behind by the pandemic. For these children it is particularly difficult to reconnect - but even without a pandemic, in Germany, the educational opportunities are not the same for every child. Success at school is largely related to the situation at the children's home, and not only to whether the parents earn a lot, but also to what academic background they themselves have.

In his most recent study, [Prof. Matthias Sutter](#) also found that prosociality, i.e. positive social behaviour, has decreased among teenagers as a result of the pandemic. Especially among those young people who live in a household with a low socio-economic status and in families in which a member had been infected with SARS-CoV2.

One of the questions addressed in the podcast therefore is: What can we do to help children regardless of their family background?

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