

Frequently Asked Questions:

FAQs
<p>Q: Will someone help open my child's snack or lunch container if they can't?</p> <p>A: Yes.</p>
<p>Q: If my child struggles during the first day, will we get a call to pick them up?</p> <p>A: We will do our best to have your child be as comfortable as possible. If a child cries excessively and/or for a long period of time we will most definitely call.</p>
<p>Q: What can I do with my child during the summer to get my child ready for kindergarten (routines, etc)?</p> <p>A: You can work with your child on reading, writing, playdough, drawing, opening and closing containers, learning to dress themselves and toilet themselves. Review "Learning Through Play at Home" book (to be provided at the in-person event).</p>
<p>Q: What if my child has issues using the washroom?</p> <p>A: We recommend that your child is fully toilet trained before entering school. It is a good thing to practise during the summer.</p>
<p>Q: Is there someone in the classroom when they eat?</p> <p>A: Yes, a school assistant or DECE are always present in the classroom during eating times.</p>
<p>Q: What if my child has a hard time when I drop them off in the morning? Can I go in with them?</p> <p>A: We recommend that you drop the child off and you leave as soon as possible. It makes the transition easier. Feel free to send a picture of your family to help your child be more comfortable. For privacy, safety and security reasons, parents/guardians may not enter the classroom.</p>
<p>Q: What should my child know academically before starting Kindergarten?</p> <p>A: Learning through play at home and any incidental learning (e.g., noticing letters, words, colours, numbers) provide a good foundation for learning at school.</p>
<p>Q: What if my child cannot do up their jacket or cannot dress independently?</p> <p>A: We recommend that you work on that over the next little while. They will be assisted with jackets and outdoor clothing, but please remember that there are two adults for approximately 28 children.</p>

Q: Where will the washrooms be located? Will my child have easy access to them?

A: Two Kindergarten classrooms share 3 toilet stalls and 3 sinks (child-sized) washrooms are located in the classroom. They are easy for the children to access.

Q: What happens if my child has a washroom accident during the school day?

A: We recommend that you send in extra clothes with your child. The child will change in the washroom.

Q: How long will my child have to eat their snack and lunch?

A: Students usually have 20 to 30 minutes to eat.

Q: Can someone else other than myself pick up my child at dismissal?

A: Anyone who picks up a child at dismissal needs to be pre-authorized by a parent or guardian, listed as an emergency contact and ready to provide identification.

Q: When will we find out what class my child will be in?

A: You will know which class your child will be in before the start of the school year. Information will be available the week of August 29th.

Q: How will my child get on and off the bus safely from school?

A: There are staff on duty to make sure that all students who ride the bus get on and off safely.

Q: Can I drop off lunch for my child?

A: Students should come to school prepared with all of the materials that they will need for the school day, including lunch.

Q: Will someone be able to help feed my child?

A: Children must be able to feed themselves. Please practise that throughout the summer and provide food that your child is able to eat independently.

Q: Can parents volunteer in the classroom?

A: To be determined later on in the year.

Q: What will my child need to bring to school?

A: A backpack, a snack, lunch, water bottle, change of clothes and indoor shoes (Velcro is recommended).

Q: Can my child bring a security item/toy from home?

A: We ask that items from home (such as toys/security items) stay at home so they do not get lost, stolen or broken.

Q: Can I request that my child is in the same class as their friend/cousin/sibling?

A: No, this is not possible. We have a student population of over 600, and so it is not possible to meet everyone's requests.

Q: Can I request a specific teacher/educator team?

A: No, this is not possible. We have a student population of over 600, and so it is not possible to meet everyone's requests. Please be assured that all of our teachers and DECEs are very skilled.

Q: Will the children be taking naps at school?

A: We do not have a nap time at school.

Q: Will someone be able to heat up my child's lunch?

A: No. Please provide your child with food that does not need to be heated up.

Q: Will my child be able to participate fully, even though they don't speak or understand English?

A: Kindergarten is a language-rich program offering all children the opportunity to develop their language skills.