

Dear Glad Park Kindergarten Families,

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time for everyone and we are very excited to welcome you and your child to Glad Park this fall. You are your child's first teacher and you are the most powerful influence on their learning, development, health and well-being. We are looking forward to our learning journey together.

We usually hold an event in the school each year to meet new kindergarten families and share information. As you know, schools are closed to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. While we cannot meet in person, we are committed to supporting your family as you prepare for this transition.

Information attached in this email will help you learn more about our Kindergarten program and answer some of your questions.

- [Virtual Introduction to Kindergarten](#) - This video provides you with an overview of the York Region District School Board Kindergarten program.
- [Virtual Introduction to Kindergarten at Glad Park Public School](#) - A presentation is attached to this email and provides information about the Kindergarten program at Glad Park. You will find details about:
 - a snapshot of your child's day
 - snack, lunch, washroom and recess routines
 - bussing information
 - before/aftercare program
 - tips for the first day of Kindergarten
- [Playing and Learning Together at Home Resource](#) - This resource contains a variety of play-based learning experiences that you and your child can do at home. Over the coming months, you may wish to try some of these ideas for learning together with your child - through play! These experiences will help your child build a sense of joy and familiarity with the type of play-based learning that will occur at our school.

You can find more information about Kindergarten by visiting the [YRDSB website](#) where you will find resources to support you with the Kindergarten Transition process, including information about:

- Kindergarten Programs and Routines,
- Helpful Suggestions for Transitions,
- Frequently Asked Questions and Child Care.

At Glad Park our Kindergarten classrooms are inviting, welcoming and caring environments that reflect our community's diverse social, cultural, and linguistic experiences and perspectives. We recognize that children may have had their routines disrupted over the past few months. As educators our teams will support your child throughout the transition to Kindergarten. We welcome you to stay connected by visiting the [Glad Park Public School Website](#). We will be sharing ideas over the summer months on Twitter [@GladParkPS](#) and Instagram [@gladparkpsgrizzlies](#). If you have additional questions, please connect with our school using via email glad.park.ps@yrdsb.ca

Our team can't wait to meet you!

The Glad Park Kindergarten Team