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Dear Families,

Welcome to York Region District School Board. Welcome to Kindergarten.

Our Kindergarten classrooms are caring, welcoming places where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. We want your child to be successful and to enjoy learning. The Kindergarten program is designed to help students develop early literacy and numeracy skills, a sense of connection and belonging, problem-solving skills, collaboration and much more.

Our skilled and caring educators and school staff are here to help make the transition to Kindergarten a positive one for your family, and to help students adjust to routines.

We appreciate that families will have many questions about what our Kindergarten programs look like as a result of the pandemic. The health and safety of our students, staff members and their families is our first priority, and we continue to work closely with York Region Public Health. Our Kindergarten students continue to learn through play in warm, welcoming and inclusive programs, while adhering to [health and safety measures](#). As we approach the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to share information with our families so they know what to expect.

We normally invite our new Kindergarten families to a spring orientation event to learn more about your child's school and what you can expect in Kindergarten. While we cannot currently invite families into the school, we will be sharing additional information with you to help you and your child prepare for the transition to Kindergarten. We encourage you to look out for this information and to learn about the many different ways you can continue to support your child's learning and engage in their education. We place great value on the essential role that families play in education, and the importance of the partnership and collaboration between home, community and school.

As your child progresses through their educational career, you will find caring and supportive staff and system leaders focused on student achievement and well-being. I invite you to learn more about the Board, your school, Kindergarten and more at www.yrdsb.ca.

We look forward to welcoming you in the fall, and best wishes for you and your child.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko
Director of Education
York Region District School Board