



Kindergarten Gradual Entry

2021/2022

Welcoming our youngest learners into schools within the Durham District School Board is an extremely important and exciting time. We recognize that the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted typical transition practices and want to ensure a smooth, safe and successful start to school. For the 2021/2022 school year, children registered for Kindergarten will benefit from a gradual entry approach.

Children will be welcomed to school in small groups at the beginning of the school year. They will have the opportunity to get to know their Kindergarten educators (Early Childhood Educator and Teacher), as well as some of their classmates. Kindergarten educators will introduce children to classroom routines and procedures, supporting the transition in a more individualized way.

Transitioning to school in smaller groups during Kindergarten Gradual Entry provides Kindergarten Educators with sufficient time to support your child so they will feel comfortable and valued as new members of the school community.

We understand that Gradual Entry may be somewhat challenging for families and we thank you for supporting your child during this transition to school. We ask that you speak directly to your school Principal if you require any accommodations (due to child care, etc.) during the Gradual Entry time period.



Gradual entry schedule

SEPTEMBER

First Week

<p>MONDAY 6 Labour Day</p>	<p>TUESDAY 7 PA Day</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 8 PA Day</p>	<p>THURSDAY 9 Group A (AM) Group B (PM)</p>	<p>FRIDAY 10 Group C (AM) Group D (PM)</p>
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Second Week

<p>MONDAY 13 Group A & C FULL DAY</p>	<p>TUESDAY 14 Group B & D FULL DAY</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 15 Group A & D FULL DAY</p>	<p>THURSDAY 16 Group B & C FULL DAY</p>	<p>FRIDAY 17 ALL GROUPS FULL DAY</p>
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All children attend together moving forward

Reminders for the first day

- Arrive early and take your child around the school to orient them to their new environment. Show them where you will be to pick them up at the end of the day or where their child care/caregiver will meet them.
- Send your child with a nut free lunch and two snacks
- We highly encourage you to send your child with a mask
- Send your child with an extra set of clothes and an extra mask in a breathable bag with their name on it
- Send your child with a refillable water bottle labeled with their name
- Send your child with a pair of indoor shoes, if possible, with their name clearly labeled on them