



Fact Sheet: Kindergarten 2020-2021

Gradual Entry

Gradual entry sees students attend kindergarten for increased periods of time over the first few days of the school year, starting with about 30 minutes and increasing until the students attend for the full school day.

Gradual entry to kindergarten is to orient children to school. It allows children to learn systems, processes and procedures at school, helping them to easily transition to a school environment.

Gradual entry begins on different days at different schools (**September 14 - 18**).

The first full day of instruction for kindergarten students is **Monday, September 21**.

Schools will contact families during the week of **September 8-12** with gradual entry details.

Welcome to kindergarten

- To welcome new students to kindergarten, families will receive a resource bag that includes pencils, crayons, magnetic numbers and letters, playdough and books
- Schools will distribute these bags to their kindergarten families in September
- There are [online resources](#) to help families explore and work with their welcome bag

Schools will send details to families about recess and lunch breaks, student drop-off and pick-up times as well as schedules for student health and safety orientation.