



School Procedures

Here is a quick At-a-Glance recap of information you may need to get ready for September. There is more information in the recorded PowerPoint presentation and teachers will also send a more comprehensive note home in September.

Drop off & entry:

- ⇒ Please drop your child off at their Kindergarten gate which you will be shown in September. Each gate of entry will be supervised from 8:15-8:30 am by a teacher/ECE. In September, the students will be directed inside, rather than playing outside at this time. If you should arrive earlier than 8:15 am, please stay with your child until a staff member is on duty. If you should arrive later than 8:30 am, please bring your child to the office.

School hours:

- ⇒ 8:30 am-3:00 pm
- ⇒ Lunch- 11:30-12:30 pm. You may pick your child up for lunch or he/she may stay at school. If they are going home, please send a note and pick them up at the office.

Dismissal & pick up:

- ⇒ 3 pm bell, but you or a caregiver can pick up from 2:45pm at their gate.
- ⇒ Bus and YMCA students will be escorted to their dismissal location.
- ⇒ If you are running late your child will wait for you in the office.

Miscellaneous:

- ⇒ **Snacks and Lunches** -we request that in addition to a lunch item, you include at least 3 healthy NUT FREE snacks in your child's lunch. Also please ensure that he/she can be as independent as possible in terms of opening the snack and the lunch bag. Perhaps have a few picnics to practice this summer. We recommend you use a re-sealable container such as Rubbermaid or Thermos. We can refill with water if necessary, throughout the day.
- ⇒ **Allergies**- Please notify the school before September if your child has an allergy or medical concern, we need to be aware of, so we can begin to put proper procedures in place for them before school starts.

- ⇒ **Shoes-** when purchasing shoes for school, please keep in mind that each student is required to have a pair of indoor shoes that will remain at school beginning in September, as well as outdoor shoes to travel back and forth. Any colour running shoes for both would be best to ensure safety in the classroom, as well as outside and in the gym.
- ⇒ **No flashing lights please.**
For the entire year, for both indoor and outdoor shoes, we request VELCRO or SLIP-ONS and boots with no laces, please.
- ⇒ **Back packs:** please ensure their backpack is lightweight and BIG enough to hold their lunch bag, a library book, crafts and notes from school. One that is easy for your child to open and close is recommended. Wheeled backpacks pose a safety concern and they are difficult to handle in the cubby area of the classroom.
- ⇒ **Clothing:** students will go outside regularly, in all seasons, and will require suitable outerwear that they can put on independently. Have them shop with you to see if they can manage the zipper or put the shoes on. We will, of course, help them get started if needed. GA is a **uniform** school. ISW is the current provider. *Non-uniform navy bottoms are permitted beginning in January. Please avoid belts, suspenders and items that have too many buttons to ensure success using the washroom (elastics are great). A spare change of clothes (navy/white) will remain at school. ISW code needed for online ordering is [gaeh](#). Girls are to wear white/navy tights with the dresses.
- ⇒ **Washroom:** Students should be able to manage their clothes, use the toilet, flush and wash their hands independently.

Important Dates

Date	Year 1 Students	Year 2 Students
Tuesday, September 8, 2020	Parent/Students Interviews for year 1 students	Parent/Students Interviews for Year 2 students who are new to the school
Wednesday, September 9, 2020	Parent/Students Interviews for year 1 students	Parent/Students Interviews for Year 2 students who are new to the school
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Staggered entry for first half of the Year 1 students	Full entry for all Year 2 students
Friday, September 11, 2020	Staggered entry for second half of the Year 1 students (first half do not attend)	N/A
Monday, September 14, 2020	Full entry for all Year 1 students	N/A

*A letter will be sent home via email or Canada Post in the summer with your individual dates: a 10 minute family interview where you can see the classroom with your child; and your Staggered Entry date which will be Thursday OR Friday where your child will enjoy a whole day at school.

Resources

Should you have any further questions, please contact us via our school secretary, Mrs. Walters at walterc@hcdsb.org

Or check out www.hcdsb.org

Click on **Parents** and then on **Kindergarten** for more information.

This presentation will be posted on the Guardian Angels website at elem.hcdsb.org/guardianangels

➤ Halton Region Resources for Parents

<https://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Children-and-Parenting>

➤ Milton Public Library Children's Page

<https://www.mpl.on.ca/using-the-library/childrenspage>

*get your Student Library Card!

➤ A Parent's Guide to Full Day Kindergarten

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/kindergarten/kindergarten-report-overview-en.pdf>

➤ Doing Mathematics With Your Child

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentguidenumen.pdf>

➤ Reading and Writing With Your Child

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentguideliten.pdf>

➤ Halton Student Transportation Services

<https://www.haltonbus.ca/>

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