**New to Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions**

**What supplies does my child need?**

Before school begins, your child will need the following items:

* St. Gregory the Great Uniform - [McCarthy Uniforms](https://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/) - Note: students may wear non-uniform navy dress pants
* Large backpack to carry lunch bag or other personal items
* Labelled bag of extra clothes - does not need to be uniform
  + Include bottoms, top, underwear and socks
  + Additional masks your child can use if their mask becomes soiled (3-4)
  + Painting smock or old oversized shirt
* Indoor running shoes - please send shoes that your child can put on independently
* Your child does not need their own pencil case and art supplies. All these supplies will be provided for them at school.

\*\*\* Please label all items with your child’s name - THANK YOU! \*\*\*

**How many children are in each class?**

The kindergarten classrooms have approximately 25 students and two highly trained educators. In addition to a classroom teacher and early childhood educator, most classrooms are lucky to have an educational assistant offering additional support.

**What is the mask policy in kindergarten?**

In the HCDSB students in kindergarten- Grade 12 are required to wear a facemask at school. Please pack additional masks (3-4) for your child to change throughout the day. Children will have multiple opportunities for mask breaks, such as when they are eating or if they indicate they need one. Masks are not mandatory during outdoor exploration. If your child requires a mask exemption, please contact the office

**Can we change from in-person learning to virtual learning during the year?**

Yes, you can choose to place you child in remote leaning after the first term. The opportunity to change the learning environment for your child(ren) will take place through a Change of Learning Environment Form in January 2022 with an effective change date of Tuesday, February 22, 2022.