



GEORGE GREENAWAY ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Kindergarten at George Greenaway! We are very excited to have a new group of Kindergarten children joining our school. Starting school is a very special time filled with excitement and wonder. To help with the transition into Kindergarten, we have prepared the attached information for your family. Please do not hesitate to contact a Kindergarten teacher if you have any additional questions.

In preparation for the fall and to help make a successful school start, we have **tentatively** assigned your child in the following groups during the Kindergarten gradual entry process between September 2 –12th:

Group A

Children whose LAST NAME begins with A – J

Group B

Children whose LAST NAME begins with K – Z.

Please note the gradual entry schedule and times are detailed on the attached September calendar. Starting on Monday, September 15, Kindergarten children will attend full time school days between 8:25 a.m. – 2:23 p.m.

We look forward to working with you and your child. Please call us if there is anything that we can do to make your child's transition easier.

Yours truly,

Ms. Trinh, Ms. Bornn/Ms.Bate,
Ms. Attle, Ms. White
The Kindergarten Team

Kindergarten Information – September 2025



Child-Focused Conversations

Child-Focused Conversations between parents and teachers will take place during the afternoon on Thursday, September 11th and all-day on Friday, September 12th.

A schedule will be posted outside the kindergarten classrooms in the morning on Thursday, September 11th. Please select a time that best suits you and sign your name next to the time slot selected. You may want to make note of the time you have chosen to help remind yourself later.

The child-focused conversations are a chance for you to tell us about your child. We ask that you keep your child at home during the interview time. However, if you are unable to arrange for alternate child care, your child is welcomed to be part of the interview.



School Supplies

For Kindergarten supplies, our school will be collecting \$45. The school will purchase supplies in bulk and supplies will be communal. Payment can be made online for school supplies after Sept. 15th. Please do not send money at this time. Throughout the year, teachers may also collect monies to cover the cost of additional supplies for arts and crafts and for special activities.

Your child will need a large backpack, lunch kit and a re-usable water bottle. Your child will also need a pair of indoor running shoes and a set of extra clothing (shirt, pants, socks, underpants) to be kept at school. All these items should be clearly marked with your child's first and last name or initials, wherever possible.



Snacks and Lunch

Please pack your child a morning snack and a lunch each day. We are promoting healthy eating so please keep that in mind when packing snacks and lunches. During gradual entry, your child will only need to bring a morning snack and a water bottle. Starting on Monday, September 15th your child will be in full time attendance and will need both a snack and lunch. Please also keep in mind that our school is a nut and peanut-aware environment.

Welcome to School



Kindergarten Gradual Entry Information for Parents

Kindergarten Gradual Entry includes both the phasing-in of small groups and shortened attendance times. This gradual introduction to Kindergarten builds a solid foundation for school life by:

- ☺ Allowing children to adjust to their new environment, teacher and peers in a smaller group and for a shorter school session.
- ☺ Allowing time for each family to meet with the teacher to share important information about their child and to build positive relationships between home and school.
- ☺ Allowing the teacher to focus on smaller groups during the Kindergarten Gradual Entry period, introducing children to classroom routines and procedures, and easing the transition for children so they will feel comfortable and valued as new members of the school community.

We understand that Kindergarten Gradual Entry may be somewhat challenging for families. Thank you for supporting your child during this transition to school. Creating a positive beginning is important for each child and pays off for the rest of the year. We look forward to a wonderful Kindergarten year!





Kindergarten Gradual Entry Calendar September 2025

Group A

Last Name A – J

Group B

Last Name K – Z

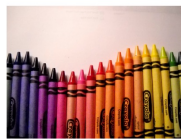
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day No School	2 Mandatory Attendance 10:00 – 10:20 am *Please meet on the west side of school (grass area) <small>This is just a quick check-in and attendance, but it is important that everyone comes.</small>	3 <u>2 Hour Class</u> A – 8:30 – 10:30 B – 12:20 – 2:20 Please bring a water bottle and snack	4 <u>2 Hour Class</u> A – 8:30 – 10:30 B – 12:20 – 2:20 Please bring a water bottle and snack	5 <u>2 Hour Class</u> A – 8:30 – 10:30 B – 12:20 – 2:20 Please bring a water bottle and snack	6 
7	8 <u>2 Hour Class</u> Groups A & B 8:30 – 10:30 Please bring a water bottle and snack	9 <u>3 Hour Class</u> Groups A & B 8:30 – 11:30 Please bring a water bottle and snack	10 <u>3 Hour Class</u> Groups A & B 8:30 – 11:30 Please bring a water bottle and snack	11 Sign up for Child-Focused Conversations at drop off <u>4 Hour Class</u> Groups A & B 9:00 – 1:00 Please bring a water bottle, snack, and lunch Child-Focused Conversations	12 Child-Focused Conversations All Day NO CLASS for Kindergarten students	13
14	15 First Full Day of Kindergarten 8:25 - 2:23 pm	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29 Pro-D Day No School	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation School Closed	1 OCTOBER	2	3	4

Please send healthy snacks and lunch on the days indicated. We are a nut aware school. DO NOT send ANY nut and peanut items. Please send a re-usable water bottle every day.

Welcome to George Greenaway!

We're excited to share a special Welcome to Kindergarten book, written by our very own Kindergarten teachers, designed to help your child get ready for their big school adventure in September! Inside, you'll find pictures and tips to show what getting ready for school is like perfect for easing first-day jitters and building excitement!

Below, you will find links to the Welcome to Kindergarten book and a Getting Ready for Kindergarten Presentation full of tips to help support your child in their transition into Kindergarten!



Welcome to Kindergarten 2025

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that Surrey Schools, where we work, play and learn, are on the shared, unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish Peoples; the Katzie, Kwantlen a

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[Welcome to Kindergarten Storybook](#)