



## Cambridge Elementary – Kindergarten Registration 2019/2020

*(Registration is only open for children born between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014)*

Welcome to Cambridge Elementary and our 2019/2020 Kindergarten Registration. We are very excited to have you and your child join our Cambridge Family.

To register your child for kindergarten, ***you must live within our Catchment boundaries***, complete a Registration form, and provide the following documentation:

- **Proof of Citizenship of the child** – Birth Certificate, Canadian Passport or Permanent Resident card or Confirmation of Permanent Resident documentation.
- **Proof of Guardianship of the child** – as shown on the child’s birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant document, legal guardianship order or Non-Canadian Passport (ie. Country of Birth)
- **Proof of Citizenship for both parents** – Canadian Birth Certificates, Passports, PR Cards
- **Proof of Residency (3 pieces of ID showing address)**
  - **They can be:**
    - Your purchase or rental agreement, cable, hydro, gas, or cellphone bill or statement, showing parent’s name and address.
    - A valid BC driver’s license, BC Services Card, BCID or BC Care Card of the parent/legal guardian
    - Child Tax Credit statement, or other correspondence from Municipal, Provincial or Federal agencies
- **Health Documents** – BC Care Card number, immunization records, medical condition information.

***Please note that your registration will not be considered complete, until all the above mentioned documentation has been provided***

## ***Frequently Asked Questions:***

### **1. Will my child be attending school all day from the 1<sup>st</sup> day?**

The Ministry of Education outlines a “Gradual Entry” period of approximately 2 weeks for all new Kindergarten students. This is a Provincial program that is designed to allow young children the opportunity to slowly acclimatize to school. We know that many of you may feel that your child does not need a gradual entry; however, we want to emphasize how important this is for all of our early learners. There is so much to experience including a new environment, new routines, new teachers, new expectations and new friends. Gradual entry allows for a deliberate and measured introduction of school routines within an increasingly longer day and larger group of students. In addition, during these 2 weeks your child will be learning to be away from you and the familiar people in their life. This can be a challenging time for some students.

A detailed schedule for the Gradual Entry process will be emailed to parents during the last week of June. This will allow plenty of time to arrange your schedule as needed, for the first 2 weeks of school.

### **2. When is the New Kindergarten Orientation scheduled for this year?**

This year, our New Kindergarten Orientations will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. You will be contacted via email, by mid-April with information on your child’s exact day and time. The Orientation program, which usually lasts an hour, is a time for the children to visit one of our 5 kindergarten classrooms, for some fun activities and socializing. Parents will have an opportunity to meet with School Administration for a brief information session.

### **3. Will I need to buy school supplies for my child for September?**

The kindergarten teachers will collect a \$40 school supply fee in September. All the supplies your child will need for the year, will be purchased by the teachers and distributed in the classroom.

### **4. Does my child need to have their 4-6 year immunization completed, before the start school?**

The Surrey School District does not require any child to be immunized prior to starting school. However, it is strongly recommended that if you have chosen to immunize your child, that you do have their 4-6 year shots administered prior to the start of school. Schools are notorious “Germ Factories”. Your little one may experience an increase in the frequency of colds and flu during their first couple of years in school. While illness is often hard to avoid completely, up to date Immunizations, frequent hand washing and getting plenty of sleep, go a long way in helping to prevent seasonal viruses.

### **5. What happens on the first day of school?**

New kindergarten students and their parents are required to confirm enrollment by signing in between 9:00-9:30am, in the gym, on September 2nd. That is all that’s required for the 1<sup>st</sup> day. Parents are welcome to stay until 11:00am, when the rest of the students are dismissed. Our PAC parents will be serving Tea & Coffee in the Gym for all parents that are waiting.

**6. Can I request my child be placed in a specific teacher's class?**

During the gradual entry process, the Kindergarten team works with all students and then, in consultation with school administration, they meet and share observational data collected to determine the best classroom placement. Parents are welcome to write or email school administration with specific information/considerations regarding their child's placement. These letters can be dropped off at the office or emailed to [cambridge@surreyschools.ca](mailto:cambridge@surreyschools.ca) .

**7. What is the Choice Kindergarten Lottery and how does it work?**

Four "Programs of Choice" are available for kindergarten registration. Parents can apply for up to three choice programs. The application will be online Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8 am. Parents will have three weeks to apply, edit and/or change their application until February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **In order to be eligible for the "Choice Lottery", Parents must first register their child at their local catchment school.**

**Programs of Choice ([www.surreyschools.ca/choice](http://www.surreyschools.ca/choice)) are:**

French Immersion

Intensive Fine Arts

Montessori

Traditional

Please contact our office staff if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Sincerely,

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(Cambridge Elementary Administrative Team)



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten