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Dear Kindergarten Families/Caregiver(s),

Kingswood School welcomes you and your child! This letter will provide you with important information about your child’s upcoming Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule, Welcoming Conversation, and the Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ).

Starting Kindergarten is important for your child, your family, and the school. For this reason, the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Richmond School District have a gradual entry process to ensure that we get to know your child and create a sense of belonging as they transition to school. During the gradual entry process, we will have a Welcoming Conversation with each family, and you will have the opportunity to complete the CHEQ (please see attached letter for a full description).

Attached to this letter is your child’sgradual entry schedule for the first two weeks of school. You and your child will be invited to attend a 15-minute Welcoming Conversation, during which you will be able to share information about your child with a Kindergarten teacher. The information you share with the teacher will be helpful in supporting your child throughout the year. Please read and consider the Welcoming Conversation Starters on the back of this letter prior to your visit.  After the conversation is over, you will move to a designated space to complete the CHEQ.

Each child entering Kindergarten is a unique individual and gradual entry along with the Welcoming Conversations are essential for creating the foundation of support among the family, school, and child.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our school community!

Sincerely,

Ms. B. Bahd

Principal