

STARTING KINDERGARTEN

What You Need to Know!

First Day Supplies

On the first day of school, your child will need to come with:

- A regular sized backpack (big enough to fit lunch, shoes, Important Bag, artwork)
- A lunch bag with enough items for two twenty-minute breaks – Don't stress if your child doesn't eat all of their food in the beginning, they are just adjusting to eating with all of their new friends. Tip: Ensure that your child can open items packed in their lunch. Over the summer, provide your child with opportunities to practice opening their own lunch bags, water bottles, juice boxes, ziploc bags etc). All food items must be **nut-free!**
- Spill proof water bottle
- Running shoes – They can wear them or you can send a pair to leave at school. Please no laces unless your child can tie them independently. Labelling the inside with your child's name is also a good idea (Mabel Labels are great!)
- A set of spare clothes – These will be left at school in case of accidents or spills. Please label all clothes and ensure that the clothes packed are appropriate for the season.

Within the first week of school, your child will receive an important bag that will be used for communication between home and school. Please return to school daily in your child's backpack.

Kindergarten Visits

Visits for Junior Kindergartens (Year 1) or new to Gatestone Senior Kindergartens (Year 2) will take place on Tuesday, September 8th. These small group visits are approximately 30 minutes. You will stay with your child and explore their new classroom.

Schedule

Gatestone is on a balanced day. Each classroom has their own schedule; however, some parts of the day are consistent:

9:00 am – School Begins

11:00 am – 11:40 am – Nutrition Break (20 minutes outdoor play/20 minutes eating)

1:20 pm – 2:00 pm – Nutrition Break (20 minutes outdoor play/20 minutes eating)

3:20 pm – Dismissal

Post Cards

Your child will receive a postcard in the mail detailing the time of their initial visit. Keep your eyes open for this sometime in late June!

