



Dear Parents/Guardians of a **2024-2025 Swift Kindergarten Student.**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Kindergarten. We are looking forward to meeting you in September and starting the school year. We hope you are too! The regular hours for all classes are 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Welcome Bell rings at 8:25 am.

**Your child will be placed in a class for the Gradual Entry Days. Please note: This does not necessarily mean this will be your child's classroom/teacher. Class assignments will be finalized after the Gradual Entry days have been completed.**

The first two weeks of school in September are very special for Kindergarten students. With this in mind, we have arranged a gradual entry schedule for the children to make a smooth transition to the full-day Kindergarten program. Gradual Entry Info Here: <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/kindergarten-gradual-entry>

**Please Book Your Individual Interview Time:** Wednesday, September 4 and Thursday, September 5, are days scheduled for Parent/child teacher interviews for **each child and parent** to meet with their teacher. **We will be using "School Appointments" for appointments.** <https://swift.parentteacherconferences.net/admin/> Register following the attached instructions, follow the prompts and book your appointment by 2:00 pm September 5. Please Remember!!

**\*\*Nature K students please bring your outdoor clothing and boots to the Interview for your teacher to approve. Please leave the tags on in case you need to return them. We care that your child is warm and dry during outdoor classroom time.**

**Tuesday, September 3 to Friday, September 6 (Days 1-4):**

**Day 1:** Parent and Kindergarten student meeting with the teacher from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

**Day 2 & 3 (AM):** This time is set aside for **scheduled 15-minute** individual interviews.

Please **bring your child** to the meeting with your teacher. Please remember to book your appointment.

Please do not bring preschoolers to your interview with the teacher if possible.

**Day 3 (AM) & 4:** Small Group Attendance. Your student will be assigned a group. Please see your individual schedule that has been mailed to your address.

**Day 3 – Thursday, September 5 –**

<b>Group 1 – 11:00 am -12:00 pm</b>	<b>Group 2 – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</b>
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**Day 4 – Friday, September 6 –**

<b>Group 1 – 9:00 – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Group 2 – 12:30 -2:15 pm</b>
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**Monday, September 9 to Thursday, September 13 – Gradual Time increase (Days 5-9):**

Please see the general schedule below. **Your child's specific schedule has been mailed to the address you provided for us.**

**Day 5 – Monday, September 9 –**

<b>Group 1 – 9:00 -10:45 am</b>	<b>Group 2 – 12:30 – 2:15</b>
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**All students bring School Supplies – See below for labeling instructions.**

**Day 6 – Tuesday, September 10 - All students 9:00 am – 11:30 am – Bring A Snack**

**Day 7 – Wednesday, September 11 –**

<b>All Students 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Bring a Snack &amp; Lunch</b>
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**Nature students, please bring your Outdoor clothing and boots. Please Label.**

**Day 8 – Thursday, September 12 –**

<b>All Students – 9:00 - 12:30 pm – Bring a Snack &amp; Lunch</b>
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**Day 9 - Friday, September 13 –**

<b>All Students – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Bring a Snack &amp; Lunch</b>
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**Monday, September 16 and onward – All students will attend full days from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.**

**Bring School Supplies on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please label as follows:**

**Labeling Supplies:**

Please label only the following items: Pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, pencil sharpener, white board markers, erasers. The other items will be labeled by the teacher.

**Label ALL outdoor gear – Jackets, pants, boots, fleece.**

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### **School Supplies**

If you have not already ordered your school supplies online, please do so at your earliest convenience. Go to [www.schoolstart.ca](http://www.schoolstart.ca), Register and Login to order for Dr. Thomas A Swift. All Kindergarten supply kits are delivered to your home. If you wish, you can also take the list available on our website ([swift.abbyschools.ca](http://swift.abbyschools.ca)) and purchase from the store.

**Please label only the following items:** Pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, pencil sharpener, white board markers, erasers. The other items will be labeled by the teacher.

All Kindergarten students need a **full-sized** backpack, inside **running shoes** that are **Velcro (not tie shoes, please)**, and a **lunch kit**. Please clearly label all clothing and lunch kit items.

**Label ALL outdoor gear** – Jackets, pants, boots, fleece, etc. Nature Kindergarten children need to purchase the specific items on the additional list and bring all those items on Wednesday, September 11. ALL items need to be clearly labeled.

### **School Lunches**

As much as possible, please pack a litter-less lunch. Please only send a water bottle with your child. We do not encourage any type of drink box. Please provide any utensils your child might need to eat their lunch. We do not provide utensils for students. There is no access to a microwave for heating food.

**Our school is Nut Aware.** Please do NOT send any nuts or nut products to school. Please use “Wow Butter” or other seed butters in place of peanut butter.

### **SchoolCash Online - Permissions and Payments**

Please be sure to register on SchoolCash Online if you haven't already done so. Here is the info link on our website: <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/SchoolCashOnline> This is a requirement of all Abbotsford School District students. If you need help with setting up your account, please call the office.

### **Safe Arrival – Attendance reporting**

Information regarding this App is available on our website: <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/safe-arrival>. This is an important item for reporting your child's absences or lates. It is available 24/7 for you to use. You may also call the school and “Press 1” for attendance or email the school at [swift@abbyschools.ca](mailto:swift@abbyschools.ca). We want to hear from you!

### **Swift PAC**

You can find out more about our Parent Advisory Council on our website. Under “Parents & Students” you will find a few PAC submenus including Hot Lunch, Fundraising, Meeting Minutes and contact for our Executive.

### **School Calendar & Newsletters**

The School Calendar is posted on the website under “News Hub”. We do our best to keep it up to date with school events that pertain to the whole school. Individual classroom events are not posted. Newsletters are also posted under the News Hub after they are emailed to you every other week by Ms. Kenney.

**\*\*Please remember to Log in to “School Appointments” to book your individual interview time with your child's teacher. This is an important part of starting Kindergarten.**

We hope you are enjoying your summer; we will see you in September. Please mark all these important dates on your calendar and record any questions that you might have to ask me when we meet. More information can be found on our website: [swift.abbyschools.ca](http://swift.abbyschools.ca)

Take care and see you soon,

Mrs. Dueck, Mrs. Baerg & Mrs. Nicholls

More info: <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/ourschool/kindergartenregistration/swift>  
<https://swift.abbyschools.ca/programs/nature-kindergarten/swift> <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/parents-students/supplies>