

BEGINNING YOUR JOURNEY AT 1st Class

The Program will provide opportunities for transition into the program to allow children to be gradually introduced to, become familiar with the classroom routines, activities, program personnel and their peers. This experience is an essential part of ensuring that your child is comfortable during their first week of care. Orientation sessions are held based on availability, with parents pre-booking prior to Registration. Parents are required to stay on site as the child is not yet registered to the program.

FIRST DAY: WHAT TO BRING

- Indoor shoes
- Spare clothing
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Hat and sunscreen in the spring, summer and fall
- Medication/Medication form (if required).

Do NOT Bring

- Toys from home
- Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DEVELOPMENT

1st Class wants to help you provide the best start to your child's transition into our programs. Children are individuals. This means that their skills and behaviours vary from one child to another, and according to age. After Registration, we will send a 1st Class Social and behavioral questionnaire to our families to help us understand your child's skills and development to allow our educators create an environment that supports that skills and developmental needs.

When the questionnaire is sent, we ask that you complete the questions with your child and return to the Program within ten days. The questions are specific to the age range of your child and include question about your child's experience, ability to establish rewarding relationships with others, , and development of proactive behaviours.

Once the questionnaire is returned, the staff will use this information in identifying your child's strengths and if there are any areas of concern where extra support is needed. If the questionnaire shows that your child is developing without concerns, we will provide some activities designed to encourage your child's development. If the questionnaire shows some possible concerns, we will contact you and set up a meeting to review further going over plans for follow up, community resources/services that may be useful.

COMMUNICATION DURING THE FIRST WEEK

Our child care educators understand that it is difficult for parents/guardians to leave their child for the first time and encourage parents/guardians to call throughout the day to check on their child's progress. The Program will provide parents/guardians updates detailing their children's daily activities other notes as applicable.

