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Dear Kindergarten 2016-17 Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten in the West Vancouver School District. The start of Kindergarten marks an important and exciting developmental milestone in your child's life. We look forward to working together to ensure your child's entry into our public education system is a positive and happy experience.

This September 2016, all of our schools in West Vancouver will continue to offer a gradual entry model for the beginning days of Kindergarten. This district wide approach to the beginning of Kindergarten allows for extended opportunities for your child to connect with his/her teacher and classmates in a small individualized and personalized setting.

Attached you will find an informational pamphlet outlining the importance and rationale behind **Kindergarten Gradual Entry**. We understand that the beginning of the school year can be a balancing act for busy families; but the advantages of Kindergarten Gradual Entry are well-worth the extra effort. We hope this early notice will allow you to plan in advance if you will need child care for the first days of your child's entry into school.

The West Vancouver School District is committed to providing our students with a wide variety of innovative, high-quality programs and services to ensure continuous improvement in student growth, development and achievement. **Kindergarten Gradual Entry** is a research-based, proven approach to help your child reach their learning potential from the very first day of school.

Please feel free to contact us with any further questions you may have regarding this process. Thank you for choosing the West Vancouver School District!

Sincerely,

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