

EYP 2 & 3 Transition Schedule 2020-21

Wednesday August 19: 8:30-16:00	New and Returning Family Interviews <i>Appointments to be scheduled via email sign-up system</i>
Thursday August 20:	For each class, with snack Group A: 8:30-10:30 Group B: 11:00-13:00
Friday August 21:	Whole class, with snack 8:30-11:30
Monday August 24:	Whole class, with snack and lunch 8:30-13:30
From Tuesday August 25:	Full day with snack and lunch 8:00-15:00 **Friday is a 14:00 finish for the whole school!

Individual Interview Day:

This is a chance for both returning and new students along with their parents to have a one-to-one conference with their teacher. The teacher can go over class routines and expectations, and answer any questions or concerns the parents or children may have. A scheduling system email will be sent to you.

Benefits to Transition:

1. In small groups, preschoolers can observe their new classmates, to see what they like to do and how they respond to the classroom. They may learn a few names and have a chance to connect meaningfully with their teacher. They are more likely to leave feeling confident and eager rather than overwhelmed.
2. Children internalize classroom routines. How many transitions are there in a preschooler's day? Typically, more than we would wish. Young children can more easily internalize the sequence of their day if they approach it one step at a time. Here's where I sit for snack, where I place my cup and here's how I push in my chair. Presenting the schooldays in bite-size pieces gives children the chance to make sense of its parts and master the sequence.

3. Children wish they could stay longer; they can't wait to come back the next day!
4. Teachers have the opportunity to get to know the individual children in their class, to think through grouping strategies, and how to begin creating a solid classroom community.