

## FAQs

Q. Should my child be potty-trained before he/she can attend?

Not at all! We've been number one in the number two business for almost two decades! We do ask however, that if your child is not potty-trained, they have a spare set of clothes and a spare diaper if applicable, in their nap-sac. If your child is in the process of training, we try to continue what's being done at home, while the child is at school, in an attempt to provide them with a sense of consistency.

Q. Is the school licensed?

Yes. Colwell Nursery School and Kindergarten is licensed, and in good standing, with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

Q. What is the teacher to student ratio at Colwell?

The Ministry requires a minimum ratio of 8:1 in relation to groups of children within the range of 30 months to 5 years old. However, the Colwell Nursery School and Kindergarten exceeds that minimum ratio, typically hovering around 6:1.

Q. My Child is allergic to Peanuts. Is Colwell a nut-free centre?

Yes. No peanut or tree nut products are permitted at school at any time. Policies and procedures in relation to allergies and Anaphylaxis are contained in The Colwell Nursery School Anaphylactic Policy Document.

Q. When does registration begin?

The Colwell Nursery School and Kindergarten operates in parallel to the public school system, from September to June each year. Student registration typically occurs in the January-February time frame for the upcoming school year, commencing each September. However, children are welcome to begin at any time during the school year provided space is available.

Q. How do I register?

You've already taken the first step by paying us a visit and learning a little bit about who we are and what we do here at Colwell. You're probably here by referral from a friend or neighbour, and may already be somewhat familiar with Colwell, however the best way to know that this is the right place for your child, is to experience the programme first hand. If you haven't already, contact us to book an appointment to visit the school, and take a tour. Please plan to bring your child along with you. This is their opportunity to explore and discover their classroom, their teachers, and their classmates. They learn that school is a safe place and a fun place, and helps to smooth the transition on their first big day.

Enrollment forms are included as part of our Registration Package available here in softcopy format, as well as outside the school office in hardcopy format. The Registration Package contains an updated price list and programme information relational to the current and/or upcoming school year. Applicable forms should be filled out and returned to us prior to your child's first day, accompanied by post-dated cheques from September 1st to June 1st. Cheques will be deposited on the first of each month as the school year progresses.

Q. Where will my child be placed?

Children between the ages of 2 years and 44 months are placed in our Nursery School classroom on the lower level, and those of Junior and Senior Kindergarten age on the main level. In doing so, we are able to maintain good peer groups in each classroom.

Q. What will my child need on his/her first day of school?

Your child should bring a bag or nap-sac to school each day to carry home creative work. A change of clothing should be included for children who have occasional "accidents". We request that indoor shoes be left at school, which are worn in the classroom on rainy or snowy days. No sandals, flip flops, slippers, or Crocs please. Children will need appropriate footwear for Pys. Ed.

Labelling of Belongings- Please label all clothing, including coats, boots, hats, and mittens

Medication- Please do not send medication unless pre-arranged with staff. Colwell has special procedures in place in relation to Epipens and asthma inhalers. Please ask a staff member for further details if your child has either.

Q. What is your policy regarding school closures due to poor weather?

In nearly 20 years of operation, Colwell Nursery School and Kindergarten has not closed due to weather. However, in the case of extreme circumstances, notification of closure will be made to affected families by telephone and/or email, in addition to being posted on our website.