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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is time to get your child ready for kindergarten!

Children entering Kindergarten in September 2021 are eligible for school entry immunizations at the Smithers Public Health Unit. We also offer speech and language information, injury prevention information and nutritional resources.

Regrettably, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to cancel our annual Kindergarten Health Fair once again, which typically would have offered vision screening and hearing screening in addition to these school-entry immunizations.

Fortunately, vision checks are offered for free at optometrists for children under 12 years of age and families are encouraged to make an appointment at our local optometry office. If you have concerns about your child's hearing, please consult your physician.

Keeping your child on track for immunizations will protect them. It is recommended that all children in kindergarten receive vaccinations for:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Polio
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (Chickenpox)

Please call the Health Unit 250-847-6400 to make an appointment for your child's school entry immunizations as soon as possible as appointment availability may be limited.

Please bring your child's immunization record with you to your appointment.

If you are new to the community, please phone 250-847-6400 in advance to request a transfer of your child's records to the Smithers Health Unit.

Smithers Community Health Unit at 250-847-6400.

Located in the Courthouse building
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