

ORIENTATION DAY

MOE Kindergarten @ Springdale 17 October 2024



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KEY FEATURES OF MK CURRICULUM

- Two flagship programmes: HI-Light Programme and Starlight Literacy Programme
- Activities organised around four broad themes set within the local context
- Activities with a distinctive Singapore flavour
- Weeks of Wonder (WoW) projects which encourage self-motivated learning through exploration and discovery



TYPICAL DAY (AM SESSION)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 – 8:10	Arrival and Circle Time				
8:10 – 8:50	Motor Skills Development	Outdoor Play	Motor Skills Development	Outdoor Play	Music & Movement
8:50 – 9:50	Starlight (MTL)	Starlight (MTL)	Starlight (MTL)	Starlight (MTL)	Starlight (MTL)
9:50 - 10:10	Snack Time & Toileting				
10:10 - 11:10	Hi-Light & Learning Centre Time	Hi-Light & Learning Centre Time	Hi-Light & Learning Centre Time	Hi-Light & Learning Centre Time	Hi-Light & Learning Centre Time
11:10 – 11:50	Starlight (EL)	Starlight (EL)	Starlight (EL)	Starlight (EL)	Starlight (EL)
11:50 – 12:00	Closure and Dismissal				

Note: Sequence of activities may differ from class to class



TYPICAL DAY (PM SESSION)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:00 - 1:10	Arrival and Circle Time				
1:10 – 2:05	Starlight (MTL)	Starlight (MTL)	Starlight (MTL)	Starlight (MTL)	Starlight (MTL)
2:10 – 2:25	Snack Time & Toileting				
2:30 – 3:15	Starlight (EL)	Starlight (EL)	Starlight (EL)	Starlight (EL)	Starlight (EL)
3:20 – 4:25	Hi- Light & Learning Centre Time	Hi- Light & Learning Centre Time	Hi- Light & Learning Centre Time	Hi- Light & Learning Centre Time	Hi- Light & Learning Centre Time
4:30 – 4:55	Motor Skills Development	Outdoor Play	Motor Skills Development	Outdoor Play	Music & Movement
4:55 – 5:00	Closure and Dismissal				

Note: Sequence of activities may differ from class to class



SNACKS

- Snacks are served every day
- A variety of snacks is served, e.g., wholemeal cream buns, cheese bread, steamed buns, cereal
- Menu is available for reference
- Promotion Board guidelines, e.g., "Healthier Choice" symbol





SNACKS

Munchy Monday	Traditional Tuesday		derful iesday	Tasty Thursday		Fruity Friday
Cereal	Traditional Delights	Bre	ead	Cereal		Mixed Fruits
Plain Water / Milk / Milo / Yogurt Drink (Will be served alongside snack)					nack)	
Cereals: - Cornflakes - Honey Stars	- Teriyaki Pa - Siew Mai - Loh Mai Ka	- Loh Mai Kai		lls: ent flavours atter, erry, etc. eal bread / vith ry jam	- S	Plain Strawberry

















DAILY CHECKLIST

Your child should bring the following to kindergarten daily:

1 extra set of uniform

1 set of undergarment

Water bottle with sling filled with plain water

Please label all your child's belongings.



MK FAMILY HANDBOOK



- Information and practices in MOE Kindergarten
- Each family will be issued a soft copy of the handbook
- Read and return PDF acknowledgement form via Parents Gateway

2024 Family Handbook

Cover image for illustration purpose. Actual 2025 Family Handbook might have a different photo.



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL – AUTHORISATION PASS

- Each family will be issued two Authorisation Passes.
- Authorisation Passes are required for authorized person(s) (i.e., parents, caregiver) to have access to the designated entry point in the school during drop-off and dismissal times.
- Authorisation Passes are to ensure safety of all children and we seek your cooperation to ensure the security of the MK by having your Authorisation Passes with you for entry into the MK.
- Parents would have provided the required information and photos for the Authorisation Passes via the online MK Child Data Form¹.
- You will receive the Authorisation Passes by 1st week of Jan.



Front of Authorisation Pass

This Pass is the property of MOE Kindergarten @ XXXXX.

The Authorisation Pass is to be displayed prominently when you are in the school premises.

Unauthorised possession, use, retention, alteration or destruction, or transfer to another person is strictly prohibited.

If found, please return to:

MOE Kindergarten @ XXXXX

<< Address of MK>>

MK Office No.: XXXX XXXX

KCare Office No.: XXXX XXXX



¹ If the parents have not submitted the MKCDF, please remind them do so by 19 Nov 2024

ENTRY POINT FOR ARRIVAL



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Enter using **MK Main Gate** only.

For security purposes, caregivers need to **present their**Authorisation Pass to the security guard on duty when dropping off or picking up their children at all times.





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Health Screening Area:

Upon entering the MK Main Gate, children will proceed to Area A for MK health screening.



IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- There will be strictly no parking in the school carpark and no waiting at the driveway from 7.30am 7.40am and 12.30pm 1.45pm.
- For caregivers who drive, you are strongly encouraged to park at the nearest carpark before proceeding to the MK.





Nearest carparks around Springdale Primary School

Blk 329 Anchorvale Street (Multi-storey Carpark) – Beside Farmway LRT



Blk 326 Anchorvale Road (Multi-storey Carpark)



Blk 332 Anchorvale Link (Multi-storey Carpark)





CHILDREN ATTENDING KCARE

For children who arrive for KCare:

Please take your child to the **MK Main Gate**, children will proceed to Area B for Temperature and Visual Checks.

Parents are to sign in attendance for children at the MK Main Gate.



Area B: KCare Health Screening Area

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ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL – CHILDREN ATTENDING KCARE

- For evening pick-up, parent/ guardian/ caregiver will proceed to MK Main Gate to sign out your child from KCare.
- Parent/guardian/caregiver will need to present their Authorisation Pass to the staff on duty when sending / picking up their children to / from KCare at all times.



WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN

Health screening will be conducted daily upon arrival.

Please take your child to see the doctor and keep your child at home if he/she is unwell:

- Fever (above 37.5)
- Flu-like symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath and loss of sense of smell
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Blisters
- Mouth ulcers
- Infectious diseases such as respiratory illness influenza, chicken pox, gastroenteritis, hand-foot-and-mouth disease (HFMD), measles, mumps, rubella, conjunctivitis (red eye), head lice

WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN

Children who return to kindergarten after recovering from an infectious disease will need to produce a certificate of health from the medical practitioner for the child to return to the kindergarten.





WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN

<u>Oral Digital Thermometer</u>:

Each child will be given an oral digital thermometer on the first day of school. This is to encourage families to develop the habit of taking your child's temperature before coming to school.

Group Personal Accident Insurance:

Upon registration and starting school, your child will be covered by Group Personal Accident Insurance. The insurance is paid by MOE. Coverage includes accidents that may occur within the premises of the MOE Kindergarten or during activities organised by the kindergarten (e.g., during field trips). More information will be provided on the first day of school.



MOE KINDERGARTEN FEE

Monthly fees for 2025



\$160 for Singapore Citizens



\$320 for Singapore Permanent Residents

Additional Information



Fees are also payable during the June and December holidays as fees are calculated on an annual basis and spread over 12 months, including school holidays.



GST for MK fees is absorbed by the Government. Parents do not need to pay GST on the fees for their child's enrolment in an MK.



KINDERGARTEN FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (KiFAS)

What is ECDA KiFAS?

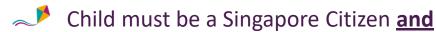
The Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS), which is **administered by ECDA**, is a means-tested subsidy to assist families in subsidising kindergarten fees.

How to apply?

- Complete the ECDA KiFAS Application Form with the relevant supporting documents for submission to ECDA through your child's MK
- You may do so on 25 October during the physical tour
- ECDA will send you an SMS and email to acknowledge your application and its outcome

KINDERGARTEN FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (KiFAS)

Eligibility Criteria



Gross monthly household income of \$12,000 and below or per capita income of \$3,000 and below for larger families (5 or more family members in the same household with at least 3 dependents without income)

Minimum Attendance Requirement

The child must <u>attend at least one day per month</u> at the kindergarten to receive subsidies, unless a valid medical certificate (MC) covers the entire month's absence (subject to ECDA's approval). **MC must state the period of absence for the entire month**.

MCs for 1 or 2 days will not be substantial to justify a full month's absence.

Failure to meet the attendance requirement will result in the full kindergarten feet being payable for that month.

KINDERGARTEN FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (KiFAS)

What should I do if there is a change in my household financial circumstances or working status?

- Complete the KiFAS application form with the relevant supporting documents for submission to ECDA through your child's MK for KiFAS re-assessment
- ECDA will send you an application outcome notification. Please ensure that you have provided a contactable mobile number and valid email address to receive the result from ECDA promptly.



KINDERGARTEN FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (KIFAS)

Gross Monthly Household Income	Gross Per Capita Income	KiFAS Subsidy
\$3,000 and below	\$750 and below	\$159
\$3,001 - \$4,500	\$751 - \$1,125	\$148
\$4,501 - \$6,000	\$1,126 - \$1,500	\$105
\$6,001 - \$7,500	\$1,501 - \$1,875	\$85
\$7,501 - \$9,000	\$1,876 - \$2,250	\$65
\$9,001 - \$10,500	\$2,251 - \$2,625	\$45
\$10,501 - \$12,000	\$2,626 - \$3,000	\$15



MOE KINDERGARTEN – WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Examples:

Withdrawal Notice Submitted on 1st Calendar Day of the Month

Should parents notify MK of the withdrawal **in writing or via email** on **1 March**, the child's last day of attendance will be **31 March**, providing at least one complete calendar month's advance notice. In this instance, the <u>March fee</u> must still be paid during the notice period.

Withdrawal Notice Submitted after 1st Calendar Day of the Month

Should parents notify MK of the withdrawal **in writing or via email** on **2 March** (after 1st calendar day of March), the child's last day of attendance will be **30 April**, providing at least one complete calendar month's advance notice. In this instance, the <u>fees for both March and April</u> must still be paid during the notice period.

MOE KINDERGARTEN – WITHDRAWAL POLICY

January 2025 New Enrolment



Withdrawal notice is served on

1 January 2025

January 2025 fees will be charged

New Year's

Day*

1 JAN

*Public Holiday

Withdrawal notice is served on 2 January 2025

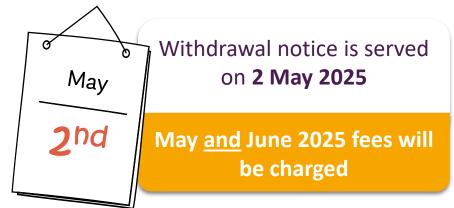
2 Ind January and February 2025 fees will be charged

One complete calendar month's KINDERGARTEN advance notice is required

MOE KINDERGARTEN – WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Withdrawing your child at any point during the year



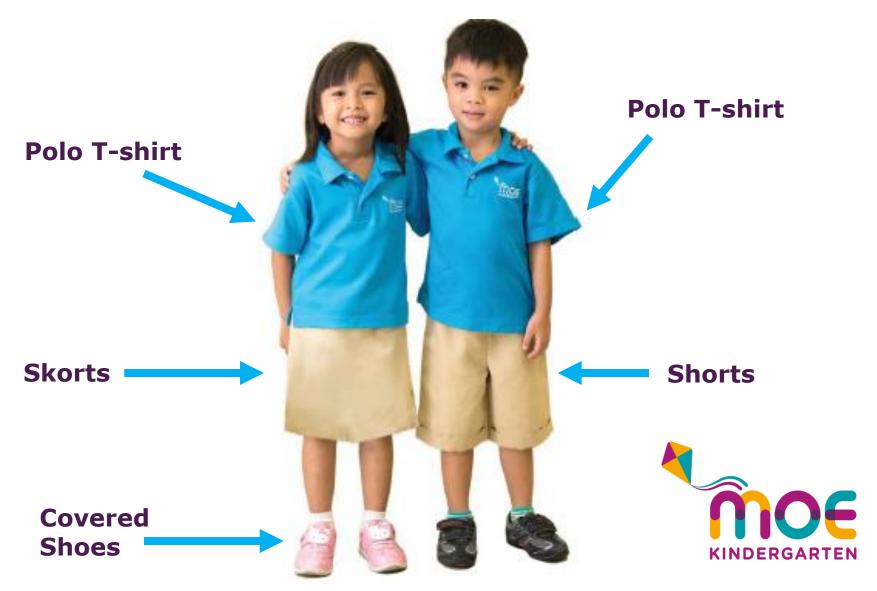


One complete calendar month's advance notice is required



*Public Holiday

1 MAY



There are two appointed suppliers for MK uniform:
Beau Voix Uniform (Beau Voix) and Jeep Sing Fashion (Jeep Sing)

Description	Cost per piece		Sizes	Remarks	
Description	Beau Voix	Jeep Sing	Sizes	Remarks	
Polo T-shirt (top)	\$7	\$7	XS to 3XL; odd	Unisex	
Shorts (boys' bottom)	\$7	\$8	sizes available	For boys	
Skorts (girls' bottom)	\$7	\$8	upon request	For girls	
Other information	 Each child is recommended to have 3 sets of uniform. Parents of children enrolling in KCare may wish to purchase more than 3 sets of uniform. 				

MK uniform by Beau Voix and Jeep Sing follow closely the specifications required by MOE, and parents have the choice to choose which supplier to buy the uniform from.



Sale of uniform is available on/at:

1. Supplier's website

Beau Voix	Jeep Sing		
https://beauvoix.com/preschool/	https://jeepsinguniform.com/		
Home delivery at \$5 per address	Home delivery at \$6 per address		



Sale of uniform is available on/at:

3. Supplier's retail store

	Beau Voix	Jeep Sing	
Location	2, Sims Close, #03-08, Gemini@Sims Singapore 387298	Blk 4012, Ang Mo Kio Ave 10, Techplace 1, #01- 09/ #01-06B* Singapore 569628 *Dedicated MK store from 16 Nov	
Retail hours	Mon – Fri, 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Mon – Fri, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Closed for Lunch & Sanitisation – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.) Sat, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sun & PH: Closed	
Remarks	 Refer to supplier's website for information on appointment booking (if any). Pls call supplier's office to check on sizes before heading to their store. 		

Parents are encouraged to purchase the MK uniform early to avoid the peak period from mid-Nov onwards.



ECDA KIFAS START-UP GRANT (SUG)

About the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)

ECDA, hosted under **Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF)**, is the regulatory and developmental agency for the early childhood sector in Singapore. ECDA oversees key aspects of children's development below the age of seven across both kindergartens and childcare centres.

What is the ECDA KiFAS Start-Up Grant (SUG)?

The Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) Start-Up Grant (SUG) is a yearly grant provided by ECDA. The KiFAS SUG covers the cost of 3 sets of MK uniforms for eligible children. Should parents wish to opt for delivery of uniforms, the delivery fee is to be borne by the parents and is payable directly to the uniform supplier.

Eligibility Criteria



Child must be a Singapore Citizen and



Monthly gross household income of up to \$1,900 or a gross per capita to \$650



ECDA KIFAS START-UP GRANT (SUG)

How to apply?



Complete the ECDA KiFAS KF1 application form



Submit the completed form and the relevant supporting documents to ECDA through your child's MK

Application Process

MK will provide an In-Principle Approval, allowing parents to collect 3 sets of uniforms from the designated uniform suppliers, Beau Voix or Jeep Sing.

Outcome Notification



Parents will be informed of the outcome of their KiFAS application by ECDA



For children who do not qualify for KiFAS SUG, parents will barequired to pay for the 3 sets of uniforms directly to the uniform supplier.

MK UNIFORM ORDER AND COLLECTION

For email order and delivery of uniform:

- Send a copy of the In-Principle approval to the uniform supplier (either Beau Voix or Jeep Sing). The delivery fee is to be borne by parents and is payable to the uniform supplier.
- Parents will receive an acknowledgement email from the uniform supplier within 3 working days.

Beau Voix	Jeep Sing	
info@beauvoix.com.sg	mk@jeepsinguniform.com	



MK UNIFORM ORDER AND COLLECTION

For physical collection at supplier's retail store

Printed Copy: Present a printed copy of the In-Principle approval letter at the supplier's retail store. Ensure that you have endorsed the bottom of the letter as instructed. The supplier will retain the claim slip (bottom part).

Email Approval: If you have received an email approval, forward the email from MK containing the In-Principle approval to the respective supplier. Ensure the email subject includes both MK's name and your child's name.



TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD ADJUST:

Talk to your child about going to kindergarten

- Inform your child that he/she is going to kindergarten
- Show him/her pictures/videos of the kindergarten and share that it is a fun place to learn and play
- Use stories to find out about your child's feelings about going to school and assure him/her if he/she feels scared
- Tell your child that he/she will make new friends
- Allow your child to ask any questions about the kindergarten

Develop consistent routines

Develop a daily activity schedule including a consistent morning and bedtime routine. This ensures that your child develops a regular sleep patterns and has sufficient rest.



TIPS FOR PARENTS:

Punctuality

Ensure that your child is punctual and regular in attending kindergarten

Preparing your child for school

- Spend some time with your child in the morning to help him/her feel settled for the day
- ▶ Pack his/her clothes, school bag and water bottle together

Working with your child's teacher/Centre Head

- Share with the teacher or Centre Head your child's habits (eating, playing, toileting)
- Discuss any concerns/suggestions related to your child or the kindergarten with the teacher or Centre Head
- Never use the kindergarten or teachers as a threat or means to change your child's behaviour

Bidding your child goodbye

⇒ Bid your child goodbye when you leave the kindergarten and say when you will be back to pick him/her.

During this period of adjustment, it is natural for your child to display signs of anxiety or physical discomfort. Should you observe such signs, you can work with your child's teacher to help support your child. Parents can help to display a positive attitude as children also pick up on your anxieties.

FIRST 2 DAYS OF SCHOOL!*

- A significant milestone for each child
- Preparing your child for the transition
- "Getting to know you" Programme on 2nd Jan (Thurs) and 3rd Jan (Fri), 8.00 am 10.00 am and 1.00 pm 3.00 pm
- Only one accompanying adult is allowed

From **6**th **Jan 2024 (Mon)**, the MK will operate within the normal hours of: 8.00 am – 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm





TERM 1

As part of preparing the children for kindergarten, the topic for Term 1's HI-Light Programme will be on 'Who Am I?'. Activities included will help to develop your child's self-concept, self-esteem and self-confidence.



Family-based Activity: Children sharing the origins of their name



Children learning to find and recognise their names



Children learning to trace their name on their party hats



MK-PARENT PARTNERSHIP

- Partner us to support the transition of your child
- Prepare your child for lifelong learning by helping them develop positive attitudes towards learning (e.g. by encouraging their natural sense of curiosity to learn)
- Support them in understanding their feelings and create experiences to build their confidence, and develop social and emotional skills over time.
- Every child has a different pace of learning. Support your child in his/her learning when he/she is ready (e.g., riding a bicycle, reading and writing)



MK-PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Examples:





Centre programmes

(WoW Project, Starlight, Life @ MK)



Teacher's Day Celebration



Starlight Rainbow Kueh Making



Collaboration with St Luke's Eldercare



Story telling by parent



COMMUNICATION

We encourage frequent communication between the kindergarten and parents.

We can be reached at:

Email: mk_springdale@moe.edu.sg

Telephone: 6384 6707

When necessary, you may also email directly to our teachers. Their email addresses can be found on our website at https://springdalepri.moe.edu.sg.



PARENTS GATEWAY

Parents Gateway is a mobile app jointly developed by MOE and GovTech to support parents' involvement in their child's educational journey.

You can receive information such as regular class/child updates from the MK and perform a range of administrative functions such as giving consent for MK programmes and activities.



You can download Parents Gateway on your mobile smartphone (available on iOS, Android and Huawei platforms) from **16 Dec 2024.**



EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES IN MK

- MK@SD offers ECDA-subsidised preschool-based Early Intervention (EI) programmes, such as Development Support Learning Support (DS-LS) and Development Support Plus (DS-Plus)¹
- External personnel from El providers may support children identified for these programmes within MK classrooms
- Other MK children may be involved in activities such as being a buddy or playing in a small group

¹Access to these programmes is subjected to the availability of El providers



CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TERM 1)

Date	Description	Remarks			
Term 1 – 2 nd January to 14 th March					
1 Jan	New Year's Day	Public Holiday			
2 & 3 Jan	First Day of School – Getting to know you programme © (for K1)	Shorter hours - 8.00am to 10.00am (AM Session) - 1.00pm to 3.00pm (PM Session)			
23 Jan	January Birthday Celebrations	MK will celebrate birthday for all children born in January			
29 Jan – 30 Jan	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday			
27 Feb	February Birthday Celebrations	MK will celebrate birthday for all children born in February			
Feb	LIFE@MK (K1)	Date to be confirmed			
15 Mar – 23 Mar	Term 1 School Holidays	School Holidays (KCare remains open)			



On To A Strong Start!

