

# 2024 MOE Kindergarten (MK) Open House

MK@Tanjong Katong

# **Welcome Address by Mrs Seah Lay Tin**

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# Welcome Message by Mdm Fidah

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# Our Team



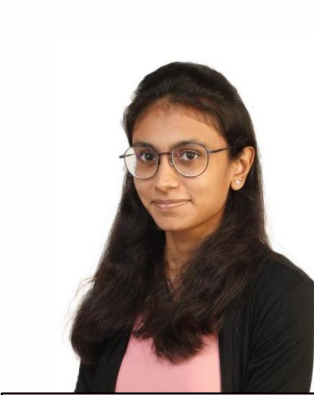
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# MK Programme

 Two levels – Kindergarten 1 and Kindergarten 2

 Four-hour daily programme

 Offers three Mother Tongue Languages (Chinese, Malay and Tamil)

 Follows MOE school calendar of four school terms, including scheduled school and public holidays

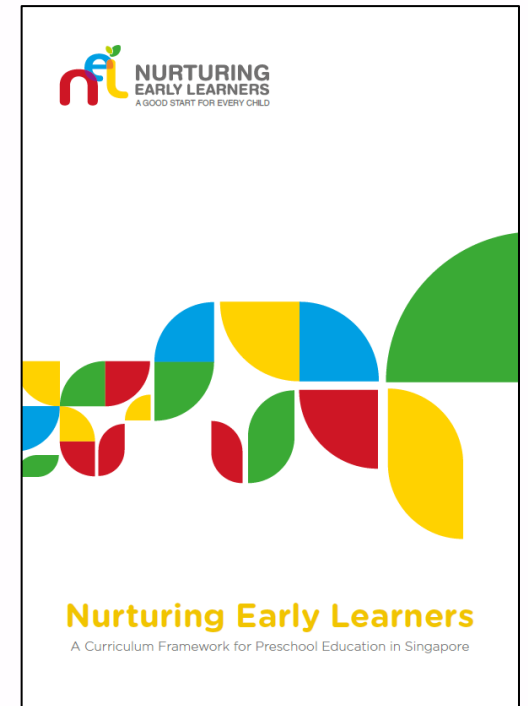


# Sample Timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.50 - 8.00am	Arrival and Health Check				
8.00 – 8.15am	Circle Time & Recap				
8.15 – 8.45am	Outdoors				
8.45 – 9.30am	Starlight (English)				
9.30 – 10.10am	Snack & Learning Centre				
10.10 – 11.10am	Starlight (MTL)				
11.10 – 12.00pm	HI-Light				
12.00pm	Dismissal				

# MK Curriculum

- 🎈 Designed by MOE curriculum specialists and educators with knowledge and experience in early childhood education and primary school curriculum
- 🎈 Based on the beliefs and principles in the Nurturing Early Learners Framework, developed by MOE, to guide quality kindergarten teaching and learning of children in Singapore
- 🎈 Believes that children are joyful, curious, active and competent learners who play, learn and grow with others in a diverse and multi-cultural community
- 🎈 Emphasises holistic development through an integrated approach to teaching and learning
- 🎈 Promotes learning through quality interactions and purposeful play





# MK Curriculum

- Consists of two flagship programmes:
  - HI-Light Programme and
  - Starlight Literacy (English and Mother Tongue Languages) Programme
- Has activities around four broad themes and relevant topics
- Uses teaching and learning resources with a distinctive Singapore flavour
- Includes Weeks of Wonder (WoW) projects to encourage self-motivated learning through exploration and discovery



# HI-Light Programme

The HI-Light Programme is designed to support the holistic development of children by nurturing in them **values, social and emotional skills** and **learning dispositions**, as well as **knowledge and skills** across the following **five learning areas** through an integrated approach:

- 🎨 Aesthetics and Creative Expression
- 🌍 Discovery of the World
- 🏃 Health, Safety and Motor Skills Development
- 📖 Language and Literacy
- 🔢 Numeracy







# Starlight Literacy Programme

- ✈️ Nurtures early childhood bilingualism
- ✈️ Offered in English and three Mother Tongue Languages (Chinese, Malay and Tamil)
- ✈️ Focuses on developing a positive disposition to the languages, listening, speaking and early reading and writing skills
- ✈️ Uses Big Books, songs and games set in the local context to make learning fun and engaging
- ✈️ Provides opportunities for children to communicate in English and their Mother Tongue Language with confidence and be aware of local traditions and customs
- ✈️ Encourages families to be involved in activities to enthuse children in language learning





## MK Learning Environment

-  Creative use of available space to encourage children to discover and explore their surroundings
-  Safe and inviting indoor and outdoor spaces
-  Promotes learning through a variety of play, hands-on and interactive learning activities that are facilitated by the teachers or initiated by the children
-  Children spend at least 30 minutes outdoor daily



## Indoor Spaces

Thoughtfully designed classrooms and rich resources to support teaching and learning



Conducive and stimulating classroom environment to promote holistic development



Role play materials provide a context for children to use language and new vocabulary and develop communication skills

Variety of manipulatives to support development of fine motor skills, spatial awareness and problem-solving skills

## Outdoor Spaces

Carefully designed to provide a variety of play experiences



Water play features that encourage children to be little investigators

Playground equipment that develops children's movement skills and confidence



Garden with features that engage children in sensory experiences



## MOE Kindergarten Fee

The monthly fee for MK in 2024 is:

 \$160 for Singapore Citizens

 \$320 for Singapore Permanent Residents





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.

There are no additional out-of-pocket costs for complementary programmes such as field trips.





# Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) Subsidy

-  KiFAS subsidy applies only to MK school fees
-  Eligible families with Singapore Citizen children may apply for KiFAS subsidy, which is provided by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA), through MK.
-  The family needs to meet either the Gross Monthly Household Income (HHI) or the Gross Monthly Per Capita Income (PCI) criterion.
-  Your child must attend at least one day of the kindergarten for the month to qualify for the assistance, unless fully covered by a valid medical certificate (MC) that states the period of absence from the centre for the entire month (subject to ECDA's approval). Failure to do so will result in the full kindergarten fee being payable for the month.



# Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) Subsidy

Gross Monthly Household Income	Gross Per Capita Income	Monthly Kindergarten Fee after Subsidy
\$3,000 and below	\$750 and below	\$1
\$3,001 - \$4,500	\$751 - \$1,125	\$12
\$4,501 - \$6,000	\$1,126 - \$1,500	\$55
\$6,001 - \$7,500	\$1,501 - \$1,875	\$75
\$7,501 - \$9,000	\$1,876 - \$2,250	\$95
\$9,001 - \$10,500	\$2,251 - \$2,625	\$115
\$10,501 - \$12,000	\$2,626 - \$3,000	\$145

# Kindergarten Care (KCare)

For parents who require a full-day service for their child

# KCare

- ✧ Provides care services, and time and space for children to **play, explore** and **discover** through specially designed environments with carefully chosen resources
- ✧ Situated within MK premises
- ✧ Operates till 7pm, from Mondays to Fridays, including school holidays\*
- ✧ Operated by MOE-appointed service providers, based on MOE requirements and guidelines



*\*Closes for 6 days each year, in addition to gazetted public holidays, Teachers' Day and Children's Day.*

# KCare

- 🎈 Safe and conducive environment for children to play, explore and discover
- 🎈 Provides opportunities for children to develop confidence in communicating with others, build social skills, learn to be independent and develop self-help skills as well as values such as responsibility, care and respect

*\*Please note that KCare does not offer academic-related experiences.*





# KCare

- 🎈 Exploration and discovery through play
- 🎈 Specially designed environment with carefully chosen resources
- 🎈 Time set aside for adequate rest
- 🎈 Autonomy for children to decide what and how they want to play
- 🎈 Large blocks of time for indoor and outdoor play















# KCare

A variety of experiences through a) Modular Activities, b) Free Play and c) Dedicated Reading Time.



## **a) Modular Activities (1h per day)**

-  Art & Craft
-  Cookery
-  Gardening
-  Music, Movement & Dramatisation
-  Sand & Water Play
-  Tinkering

## **b) Free Play (1h per day)**




-  Construction & Manipulative Free Play
-  Dramatic Free Play
-  Outdoor Free Play
-  Sand and Water Free Play

## **c) Dedicated Reading Time (at least 15 min)**

-  Daily dedicated reading time
-  Nurture a love for reading and develop good reading habits



## KCare Staff

-  Led by a KCare Centre Supervisor with early childhood qualifications.
-  Supported by a team of early childhood-trained staff with the disposition to care for and interact with children aged five to six years old.
-  Possess requisite competencies and skills to engage children in activities while ensuring their safety and well-being.

## A Typical Day at KCare (PM) (Sample Timetable during School Terms)

Time	Activity
12.00 – 12.30 p.m.	Arrival and Health Check
12.30 – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch, Wipe down, Rest / Nap
2.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Modular Activities / Indoor Free Play
3.30 – 3.45 p.m.	Afternoon Snack
3.45 – 4.00 p.m.	Dedicated Reading Time
4.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Modular Activities / Indoor / Outdoor Free Play
5.00 – 7.00 p.m.	Indoor / Outdoor Free Play Quiet Time and Dismissal

Note: KCare homerooms reside within MK.

Both MK and KCare staff will work out an arrangement for the smooth handover of the children.



## A Typical Day at KCare (Sample Timetable during School Holidays)

Time	Activity
7.00 – 9.00 a.m.	Arrival and Health Check Breakfast and Indoor Free Play
9.00 – 10.00 a.m.	Modular Activities
10.00 – 10.30 a.m.	Morning Snack
10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Holiday Activities (Indoor)
12.00 – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch, Wipe down, Rest / Nap
2.30 – 3.00 p.m.	Dedicated Reading Time
3.00 – 3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Snack
3.30 – 5.00 p.m.	Holiday Activities (Outdoor)
5.00 – 7.00 p.m.	Indoor / Outdoor Free Play Quiet Time and Dismissal

\*Outdoor activities can only be conducted before 10.30am and after 3.30pm



# KCare Fees

## Monthly fee for KCare in 2025

Singapore Citizen	Singapore Permanent Resident
\$227.40 (Fee shown above is after \$150 basic subsidy)	\$377.40

You may use the KCare Eligibility Calculator on the MOE Internet to check whether your child is eligible for the additional KCare subsidy:

<https://moe.gov.sg/preschool/moe-kindergarten/kindergarten-care>

# A Smooth Transition to MK

## Kindergarten 1 (K1) Orientation

- 🎈 You and your child will be invited to an orientation session before the start of the K1 year, where you will meet with the kindergarten teachers and classmates. This will take place sometime in Nov 2024.
- 🎈 This session will help to familiarise your child with the new learning environment.



# First Day of Term 1

- ✨ For the first day of Term 1 for K1 children, you are welcome to accompany your child to the MK to help him or her through the routines in the kindergarten.
- ✨ Teachers at the MK will keep a look out for children who experience adjustment challenges and work together with the parents to support the child's transition to the new learning environment.



# MK Partnerships

## Our Partnerships

### Close collaboration with primary schools to facilitate transition to P1

- 🎈 Opportunities for interaction between MK children and primary school students
- 🎈 Planned activities in the K2 curriculum to support children's transition to P1
- 🎈 Collaboration between MK and lower primary teachers to establish shared understanding about children's learning and development





# Our Partnerships

**Strong partnerships with families and the community to enrich children's learning experiences**

- Effective communication
- Active engagement
- Meaningful collaboration





## Leading and Inspiring Families of Early Learners @ MOE Kindergarten

- 🎨 A series of centre-based workshops conducted by MK for parents
- 🎨 Provides practical tips and advice on how parents can support children's learning at home
- 🎨 Topics focus on holistic development, language development, how children learn and supporting children's transition from pre-school to primary school



## In a nutshell ... why choose MK?

- ✈ Quality & Affordable Kindergarten Education
- ✈ Caring & Skilful Educators
- ✈ Spacious & Rich Learning Environment
- ✈ Holistic Curriculum in English & all three Mother Tongue Languages
- ✈ Smooth Transition to Primary School





## Info on MK registration exercise

- 🎈 Online registration for 2025 K1 admissions for Open Admissions (OA) children will open from 9 a.m. on Friday, 16 February 2024 and close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 February 2024<sup>^</sup>.
- 🎈 Open to Singapore Citizen and Permanent Resident children born between 2 Jan 2020 and 1 Jan 2021 (both dates inclusive).
- 🎈 Register your child at <https://go.gov.sg/mk-register> during the registration period.
- 🎈 You will be notified of the registration outcome via email by 15 April 2024.

<sup>^</sup>*Outside this registration period, parents can contact the MK directly to check for vacancies.*



**ON TO A STRONG START!**



**Thank you!**



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