

#### ORIENTATION DAY MOE Kindergarten @ JUNYUAN 3 Nov 2023



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## **ORIENTATION PACKAGE**

Forms for Submission

- Infosheet and Acknowledgement Letter for MTL Policy
- Finance Forms (GIRO, KiFAS Application, KCare Additional Subsidy)
- Instructions for MK Child Data Form
- Centre-specific Information (e.g. Information on Arrival and Dismissal, Sample Snack Menu, Programme for First 2 Days of School, Sample Class Timetable, Calendar of Events)

MK Family Handbook (16 Dec 2023)



### ORIENTATION PACKAGE - MK FAMILY HANDBOOK



#### 2024 Family Handbook

- Information and practices in MOE Kindergarten
- Each family will be issued a soft copy of the handbook
- Read and acknowledge receipt via PG
  - (16 December 2023)



### 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 are to provide the required information and photos for the Authorisation Passes via the online MK Child Data Form by 19 Nov (Sun).
- You will receive the Authorisation Passes by 1<sup>st</sup> week of Jan.
- Kindly take note that family member below 21 years old will not be able to fetch the child



# **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

Children should attend kindergarten daily and be present for the entire programme.

AM session: 8.00AM to 12.00PM (Reporting Time: 7.55am) PM session: 1.00PM to 5.00PM (Reporting Time: 12.55pm)

Gate 2 will be used for arrival and dismissal



#### **ENTRY POINT FOR ARRIVAL**





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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# **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:**

- There will be **strictly no parking in the school carpark** and **no waiting** at the bus bay.
- For caregivers who drive, you are strongly encouraged to park at the nearest carpark (BLK 816/815).





#### **Nearest carparks**

 Block 816/815 Tampines Ave 4 (opposite the school)



### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL -CHILDREN ATTENDING KCARE (MK - 8.00AM TO 12.00PM)

- For children who arrive before 7.55AM: Please take your child to Level 3, KCare, for Temperature and Visual Health Checks.
- For children who arrive after 7.55AM: Please wait at the waiting area with the rest of the MK children who do not attend KCare.



## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL -CHILDREN ATTENDING KCARE

- For evening pick-up, parent/guardian/caregiver will proceed to Level 3 to sign out your child from KCare.
- Parent/guardian/caregiver will need to present their
   Authorisation Pass to the security guard 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:

- High fever (above 37.5°C)
- Throat infection
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Communicable diseases such as influenza, chicken pox, gastric flu, hand-foot-and-mouth disease, measles, mumps, rubella, conjunctivitis (sore eyes), head lice

MK does not administer medication to your child.



### **WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN**

Children who return to kindergarten after recovering from an infectious disease but are still showing symptoms of illness (after the expiry of medical certification), will need to produce a certificate of health from the medical practitioner for the child to return to the kindergarten.





## **WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN**

#### **Oral Digital Thermometer:**

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.





## **MK UNIFORM**

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

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

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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.

### **MK UNIFORM**

#### Sale of uniform is available on/at:

2. 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	



## **MK UNIFORM**

#### 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 15 Nov	
Retail hours	Mon – Fri, 9.30am – 5.30pm	Mon – Fri, 10am – 6pm and Sat, 10am – 2pm	
Remarks	<ol> <li>Refer to supplier's website for information on appointment booking (if any).</li> <li>Pls call supplier's office to check on sizes before heading to their store.</li> </ol>		

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



## MK UNIFORM SUBSIDY

Parents who wish to apply for the MK uniform subsidy must satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

- Their estimated gross monthly household income is up to \$1900 or per capita income per family member is not more than \$650, <u>AND</u>
- They have submitted the Application Form for the Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) to the school before the 1st day of school.
- Please inform the MK of your wish to apply for the subsidy when submitting the KiFAS application.
- MK will issue an in-principle MOE KINDERGARTEN UNIFORM SUBSIDY LETTER for parents to claim their subsidised uniform from either Beau Voix or Jeep Sing.
- Parents will be informed of their KiFAS application outcome by ECDA. Parents are liable to pay for the 3 sets of uniform directly to the supplier if they are not eligible for the uniform subsidy after the applications are processed.

## MK UNIFORM SUBSIDY ORDER AND COLLECTION

For email order and delivery of uniform:

- Please email the completed MK Uniform Subsidy letter to the supplier (either Beau Voix <u>or</u> Jeep Sing) whom you would like to order the uniform from. Delivery fee is payable by the parents to the supplier directly.
- Parents will receive an acknowledgement email within 3 working

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



## MK UNIFORM SUBSIDY ORDER AND COLLECTION

#### For uniform subsidy claim at retail store or K1 Orientation Day:

- Please bring either a printed or email copy of the MK Uniform Subsidy letter to the supplier's retail store or K1 Orientation Day.
- For printed copy, parents are to endorse at the bottom of the letter. The uniform supplier shall retain the claim slip of the printed letter (bottom of the letter) as a supporting document.
- For email copies, parents should forward the email from the school with the PDF letter to the respective supplier. Please ensure the email subject contains the MK name and child's name.



## **MOE KINDERGARTEN FEE**

The monthly fee for MK in 2024 is:

- \$160 for Singapore Citizens (SCs)
- \$320 for Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs)

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.



## MOE KINDERGARTEN FEE -WITHDRAWAL POLICY

If parents wish to withdraw before the child starts school, withdrawal notice should be submitted <u>in writing or via e-mail before first calendar day</u> (regardless whether it is a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday) of the month of enrolment.

Similarly, if parents wish to withdraw the child at any point in time of the year, one complete calendar month's advance notice needs to be given, or else fees will be charged for both the current and following months.

#### For example:

- If the child is starting school in January, the withdrawal notice should be submitted before 1 January to avoid incurrence of Kindergarten fees.
- If the withdrawal notice is served on 1 January, the current month (i.e. January) Kindergarten fee will be charged.
- If the withdrawal notice is served on/after 2 January, January and February Kindergarten Fees will be charged as we require at least one complete calendar month's advance notice to be given.

# KINDERGARTEN FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (KIFAS)

- Eligible families with Singapore Citizen children may apply for KiFAS, 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.
- KiFAS applies only to MK school fees
- Your child must <u>attend at least one day of the kindergarten for the</u> <u>month</u> 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.
- Please note that MC for 1 or 2 days will not be substantial to justify for a whole month's absence.



## KINDERGARTEN FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (KIFAS)

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



#### 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.

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#### FIRST 2 DAYS OF SCHOOL!\*

 A significant milestone for each child
 Preparing your child for the transition
 "Getting to know you" Programme on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan (Tues) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan (Wed),
 8.00 am - 9.30 am and 1:00 pm - 2.15 pm Health screening will begin at 7.55am & 12.55pm respectively
 Only one accompanying adult is allowed

From 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 (Thurs), the MK will operate within the normal hours of: 8.00 am – 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm AM Session: Reporting time = 7:55am PM Session Reporting time = 12.55pm





TERM 1

Teachers will send out a 'Get to Know You' Form to request information that would assist them to know your child better. (E.g., Child's Likes & Dislikes)

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.



#### 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 selfmotivated learning through exploration and discovery



#### **TYPICAL DAY (AM SESSION)**

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.55am - 8.05am	Arrival & KCare Handover				
8.05am - 8.45am	Starlight (English Language)				
8.45am - 9.15am	Outdoors				
9.15am - 9.35am	Snack & Toileting				
9.35am - 10.35am	Starlight (Mother Tongue Language)				
10.35am - 11.25am	Hi-Light				
11.25am - 11.45am	Learning Centre				
11.45am - 12.00pm	Reflect & Celebrate / Dismissal				

#### Note: Sequence of activities may differ from class to class

### **TYPICAL DAY (PM SESSION)**

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12.55pm - 1.05pm	Arrival & KCare Handover				
1.05pm - 1.45pm	Starlight (English Language)				
1.45pm - 2.05pm	Snack & Toileting				
2.05pm - 2.55pm	Hi-Light				
2.55pm - 3.15pm	Learning Centre Activities				
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Starlight (Mother Tongue Language)				
4.15pm - 4.45pm	Outdoors				
4.45pm - 5.00pm	Reflect & Celebrate / 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, fruits, cereal
 Menu is available for reference
 Snacks served follow Health Promotion Board guidelines, e.g., "Healthier Choice" symbol





### CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TERM 1)

Date	Description	Remarks	
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1 Jan 2024	New Year's Day	Public Holiday	
2 & 3 Jan 2024	First Day of School – Getting to know you programme © (for K1)	<ul> <li>1.5 hours of school</li> <li>8am to 9.30am (AM Session)</li> <li>1pm to 2.30pm (PM Session – if applicable)</li> </ul>	
25 Jan 2024	January Birthday Celebrations	MK will celebrate birthday for all children born in January	
10,11 & 12 Feb 2024	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday	
29 Feb 2024	February Birthday Celebrations	MK will celebrate birthday for all children born in February	MOE
9 to 17 Mar 2024	Term 1 School Holidays	School Holidays (KCare remains open)	KINDERGARTEN

## 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-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)



#### **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 2023**.



### **On To A Strong Start!**

