

ORIENTATION DAY

MOE Kindergarten @ Gongshang 28 October 2022



TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Time	Description
2.30pm – 3.00pm	Registration
3.00pm – 3.05pm	Welcome Address by Principal, Mrs Soh
3.05pm – 3.35pm	Welcome Message and Orientation Briefing by MK Centre Head, Mrs Azar
3.35pm – 4.15pm	KCare briefing by KCare Supervisor (for parents with children in KCare)
4.15pm – 4.45pm	MK & KCare Tour / Sale of Uniform / Admin Matters
4.45pm - 5.00pm	Home Sweet Home



WELCOME ADDRESS BY MRS SOH

Principal, Gongshang Primary School



WELCOME MESSAGE BY MRS AZAR

Centre Head, MK@Gongshang





OVERVIEW

- Our Team
- Your Orientation Package
- Arrival and Dismissal
- ✓ Well-Being of Children
- MK Uniform
- MK Fees & Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme
- ✓ Transition into MK
- Key Features of MK Curriculum
- Typical Day
- ✓ Snacks
- Calendar of Events
- → Daily Checklist
- MK-Parent Partnership



OUR MK TEAM

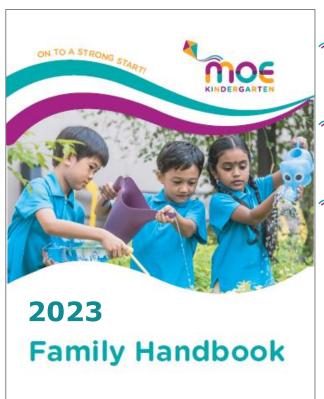


YOUR ORIENTATION PACKAGE

- Sample Snack Menu
- Programme for First 2 Days of School
- Sample Class Timetable
- Calendar of Events for Term 1
- Name Badge
- Oral Digital Thermometer



MK FAMILY HANDBOOK



- Information and practices in MOE Kindergarten
- Each family will be issued one hard copy and soft copy of the handbook
- Read and return PDF acknowledgement form via email; parents who wish to submit the hardcopy form appended in the Handbook can also do so.



AUTHORISATION PASS

- Each family will be issued 2 Authorisation Passes.
- Passes are required for parent/caregiver to have access to the designated entry point in the school during drop-off and dismissal times.
- 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 Passes via the online Child Data Form.
- You will receive the Authorisation Passes on 3 Jan 2023.



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

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

AM session: 8.00AM to 12.00PM

PM session: 1.00PM to 5.00PM

Side Gate 4 will be used for arrival and dismissal





ENTRY POINT FOR ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL





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Enter and exit using side **Gate 4** only.

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





There will be staff to supervise the children to the holding area.

Parents will not be allowed to enter the school premises.



IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- There will be strictly no parking in the school carpark and no waiting at the driveway.
- For caregivers who drive, you are strongly encouraged to park at the nearest carpark.
 (BLK 423/424 Tampines Avenue 7)





Nearest carparks

 Block 423 and 424 Tampines Avenue 7 (beside the school)



CHILDREN ATTENDING KCARE

 For children who arrive between 7.00AM and 7.45AM for KCare:

Please use Gate 4 for Temperature and Visual Checks.

For children who arrive after 7.45AM:

Please wait at the waiting area with the rest of the MK children who do not attend KCare.





CHILDREN ATTENDING KCARE

- For evening pick-up, parent/ guardian/ caregiver will work with KCare on their preferred timeslot in fetching your child.
- Please wait at side Gate 4 to sign out your child from KCare.
- Parent/ guardian/ caregiver will need to present their Authorisation Pass to the staff/security guard on duty when sending and picking up their children from KCare at all times.





WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN

- Health screening will be conducted daily upon arrival
- Please keep your child at home if he/she is unwell:
 - High fever (above 37.5 ° C)
 - Throat infection
 - Conjunctivitis (sore eyes)
 - Diarrhoea
 - Vomiting
 - Head lice
 - Communicable diseases such as chicken pox, gastric flu, hand-foot-and-mouth disease, measles, mumps, rubella

Children who are unwell or have had recent contact with infected persons are strongly encouraged to self-test using an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kit.

MK will 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 has been given an oral digital thermometer in the orientation package. This is to encourage families to develop the habit of taking your child's temperature before coming to school. Should your child be unwell, please take your child to see the doctor.

Group Accident Insurance:

Upon registration and starting school, your child will be covered by Group Accident Insurance. This insurance is paid by the kindergarten. 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.





From 1 Jul 2022, there are two appointed suppliers for MK uniform: Beau Voix Uniform (Beau Voix) and Jeep Sing Fashion (Jeep Sing)

Description	Cost per piece		S:	Remarks
Description	Beau Voix	Jeep Sing	Sizes	Remarks
Polo T-shirt (top)	\$7	\$7	VC 1 2VI 11	Unisex
Shorts (boys' bottom)	\$7	\$8	XS to 3XL; odd sizes available upon request	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/
Option 1	Home delivery at \$5 per address	Home delivery at \$6 per address
Option 2	Collection at MK on an appointment basis	



Sale of uniform is available on/at:

2. 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 1 Nov
Retail hours	Mon – Fri, 9.30am – 5.30pm	Mon – Fri, 10am – 6pm and Sat, 10am – 2pm
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.



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, AND
- 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 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 days.

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.



KINDERGARTEN FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME (KIFAS)

Gross Monthly Household Income	Gross Per Capita Income	Monthly Kindergarten Fee after Subsidy* (With effect from Jan 2020)
\$3,000 and below	\$750 and below	\$1
\$3,001 - \$4,500	\$751 - \$1,125	\$15
\$4,501 - \$6,000	\$1,126 - \$1,500	\$60
\$6,001 - \$7,500	\$1,501 - \$1,875	\$80
\$7,501 - \$9,000	\$1,876 - \$2,250	\$100
\$9,001 - \$10,500	\$2,251 - \$2,625	\$120
\$10,501 - \$12,000	\$2,626 - \$3,000	\$150

Families of children who are Singapore Citizens who need kindergarten fee assistance can apply for KiFAS provided by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) through MK.

The family needs to satisfy either the Gross Monthly Household Income (HHI) or the Gross Monthly Per Capita Income (PCI) criterion.

✓ Information is correct as at Oct 2022 and is subject to review. Any updates will be reflected on MK website.



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
- Read books about going to school
- Assure your child that kindergarten is a good and fun place
- Tell your child that he/she will make new friends

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 3rd Jan 2023 (Tues) and 4th Jan 2023 (Wed),
 - 8.00am 9.30am (Morning Session) and
 - 1.00pm 2.30pm (Afternoon Session)



From **5**th **Jan 2023 (Thurs)**, the MK will operate within the normal hours of: 8am–12pm and 1-5pm



TERM 1 – WHO AM I?

As part of preparing the children for kindergarten, the topic for Term 1 will be on 'Who Am I'.

Activities will help to develop your child's self concept, selfesteem and self-confidence



MK CURRICULUM VIDEO





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 SAMPLE CLASS TIME TABLE

Morning Session

From	То	Schedule
7.50000	8.00am	Arrival
7.50am	6.00aiii	Physical Health Check
0.000	9.00am	Starlight Activities
8.00am	9.00am	(Mother Tongue Language)
9.00am	9.50am	HI-Light Activities
9.50am	10.20am	Outdoor
10.20am	10.40am	Snack Time
10.40am	11.10am	Learning Centre
11.10am	11.55am	Starlight Activities (English Language)
11.55am	12.00pm	Getting ready to go home
12.00pm		Home Sweet Home / KCare Handover

Note: Sequence of activities may differ from class to class

TYPICAL DAY SAMPLE CLASS TIME TABLE

Afternoon Session

From	То	Schedule
12 F0nm	1 0000	Arrival
12.50pm	1.00pm	Physical Health Check
1 00000 2 00000	Starlight Activities	
1.00pm	2.00pm	(Mother Tongue Language)
2.00pm	2.20pm	Snack Time
2.20pm	2.50pm	Learning Centre
2.50pm	3.40pm	HI-Light Activities
3.40pm	4.10pm	Outdoor
4.10pm	4.55pm	Starlight Activities (English Language)
4.55pm	5.00pm	Getting ready to go home
5.00pm		Home Sweet Home / KCare Handover

Note: Sequence of activities may differ from class to class

SNACKS

- Snacks are served every day
- A variety of snacks is served, e.g. bread rolls, buns, cereal, milk
- Menu is available for reference in the Orientation Package
- Snacks served follow Health Promotion Board guidelines, e.g. "Healthier Choice" symbol







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

K1 – Term One Calendar of Events

Date /Day	Description
02/01, Monday	Centre Closure- New Year's Day (Public Holiday)
03/01 and 04/01, Tuesday and	First two days of school
Wednesday	Morning Session – 8.00am to 9.30am
	Afternoon Session – 1.00pm to 2.30pm
18/01, Wednesday	January Birthday Celebrations
20/01, Friday	Chinese New Year Celebration
	8.00am to 10.15am
	(Combined Session)
23/01, Monday	Centre Closure - Chinese New Year Scheduled
	Public Holiday
15/02, Wednesday	February Birthday Celebrations
08/03, Wednesday	March Birthday Celebrations
10/03, Friday	*Parent's Engagement Session
	K1 LIFE@MK
	More details will be given out at a later date
13/03 to 17/03, Monday to Friday	Centre Closure – Term One School Holidays

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

Children are curious, active and competent learners

- → 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 experiences to build their confidence, and develop social and emotional skills over time.
- Place equal emphasis on your child's cognitive and non-cognitive development.
- Resist pushing your child to learn what he/she is not ready for.

COMMUNICATION

We encourage frequent communication between the kindergarten and parents.

We can be reached at

Email: mk_gongshang@moe.edu.sg

Telephone: 6783 1191



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 phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) from **16 Dec 2022.**



