

Operating Hours, Fees and Financial Assistance Information on MOE Kindergartens and Kindergarten Care

Operating Hours

The MOE Kindergartens will operate two sessions a day, one in the morning (8.00am to 12.00pm) and one in the afternoon (1.00pm to 5.00pm). They will open during the MOE school term and close during MOE school holidays.

Parents whose children are enrolled in the MOE Kindergartens and require a full-day service can sign up their children for Kindergarten Care (KCare) services. KCare services are provided in 7¹ of the existing MOE Kindergartens and will be provided in the 5 new MOE Kindergartens. The hours of operation² are as follows:

- During school term: Mondays to Fridays: 7.00am to 7.00pm (excluding 4 hours for the MOE Kindergarten programme)
- During school holidays: Mondays to Fridays: 7.00am to 7.00pm

Both the MOE Kindergartens and KCare services will be closed on Saturdays, Sundays and gazetted public holidays.

Fees

The monthly fee is \$150 for Singapore Citizens and \$300 for Singapore Permanent Residents.

- For parents who wish to sign up for KCare services, the 2015 monthly fees are as follows: KCare at MOE Kindergarten @ Punggol View - \$370
- KCare at all other MOE Kindergartens³ - \$360

The 2016 fees for KCare at MOE Kindergartens will be provided at a later date.

Financial Assistance

MOE will invite families which meet the eligibility criteria to apply for financial assistance later in the year, after confirming a place in the MOE Kindergartens. The available financial assistance are:

Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS)

The eligibility criteria of the Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) are as follows:

¹ These are MK@Blangah Rise, MK@Frontier, MK@Punggol Green, MK@Punggol View, MK@Sengkang Green, MK@West Spring and MK@Yishun.

² The hours of operation for KCare services at MK@Blangah Rise are from 12 – 7pm from Mondays to Fridays during term time and 7am – 7pm from Mondays to Fridays during the school holidays.

³ These are MOE Kindergarten @ Blangah Rise, MOE Kindergarten @ Frontier, MOE Kindergarten @ Punggol Green, MOE Kindergarten @ Sengkang Green, MOE Kindergarten @ West Spring and MOE Kindergarten @ Yishun.

- The child is a Singapore citizen; and
- The family's gross monthly household income (HHI)⁴ does not exceed \$6,000 or, for larger households with at least 5 family members⁵ gross monthly per capita income (PCI)⁶ does not exceed \$1,500

Gross Monthly Household Income	Gross Per Capita Income	Monthly Kindergarten Fee after Subsidy*
< \$2,500	< \$625	\$1.50
\$2,501 - \$3,000	\$626 - \$750	\$3.00
\$3,001 - \$3,500	\$751 - \$875	\$15.00
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$876 - \$1,000	\$37.50
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$1,001 - \$1,125	\$75.00
\$4,501 - \$5,000	\$1,126 - \$1,250	\$97.50
\$5,001 - \$6,000	\$1,251 - \$1,500	\$120.00

* Please note that the actual support for each child will depend on the gross monthly household income or the gross monthly per capital income of the family and will be determined by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) after the child is successfully admitted to MOE Kindergarten and the relevant documents are processed. ECDA will notify parents of the outcome.

⁴ Monthly gross household income (HHI) is the income of both parents over the 12-month period immediately preceding the month of application of KIFAS. It is inclusive of bonus, allowances and before CPF deduction. Allowance for full time National Service is not included. The GHI is based on 12-month CPF contributions.

⁵ Family members must be related by blood, marriage and/or legal adoption and living in the same residential address as reflected on the NRIC of the applicant

⁶ To calculate the Per Capital Income (PCI), divide the total gross monthly household income of family members by the number of family members living in the same household.

Kindergarten Care (KCare) Subsidy

For 2015, the KCare fees are \$360 per month (\$370 per month for MOE Kindergarten @ Punggol View). For 2016, the fees will be announced at a later date.

Families of Singaporean Citizen children in the MOE Kindergartens who wish to enrol their children in Kindergarten Care (KCare) and need fee assistance may apply for KCare subsidies provided by MOE. Eligible families will receive similar subsidies as families with children in half-day childcare programmes.

1. There are two levels of subsidies available:

- **Basic** Subsidy and
- **Additional** Subsidy.

2. Basic Subsidy

Children who are Singapore citizens and are enrolled in KCare in the respective MOE Kindergarten will be given the Basic Subsidy of \$150 per month. Parents do not need to apply for this subsidy; MOE will provide this subsidy to all who are eligible.

3. Additional Subsidy

An Additional Subsidy is also provided. This is tiered according to income. The eligibility criteria for the Additional Subsidy are:

- The mother/single father of the Singapore Citizen children is working 56 hours or more per month; and
- The family's total Gross monthly Household Income (HHI) is \$7,500 and below or the Per Capita Income (PCI) is \$1,875 and below.

For example: KCare service with monthly fees of \$370 in 2015

Gross Monthly Household Income (HHI)	Per Capita Income (PCI)	Fees Payable after Subsidies
\$2,500 & below	\$625 & below	\$2
\$2,501 - \$3,000	\$626 - \$750	\$20
\$3,001 - \$3,500	\$751 - \$875	\$35
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$876 - \$1,000	\$65
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$1,001 - \$1,125	\$110
\$4,501 - \$7,500	\$1,126 - \$1,875	\$170

Start Up Grant

Over and above the KiFAS and KCare subsidies, a Start-Up Grant (SUG) of up to \$240 will be provided to eligible families to purchase items such as uniforms. The family will qualify for SUG if the gross monthly household income does not exceed \$1,900 or per capita income does not exceed \$650.

Families who need additional financial assistance⁷ for expenses such as uniforms and Kindergarten Care fees can approach the respective kindergartens.

⁷ This includes families (i) who do not qualify for the Start Up Grant and (ii) who need assistance beyond what the SUG can offer. For example, a family may enjoy the SUG but because the SUG does not cover KCare fees, they can enjoy additional help if they are eligible.