

ORIENTATION DAY MOE Kindergarten @ North View 4 Nov 2022



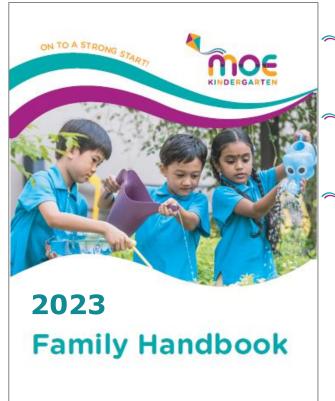


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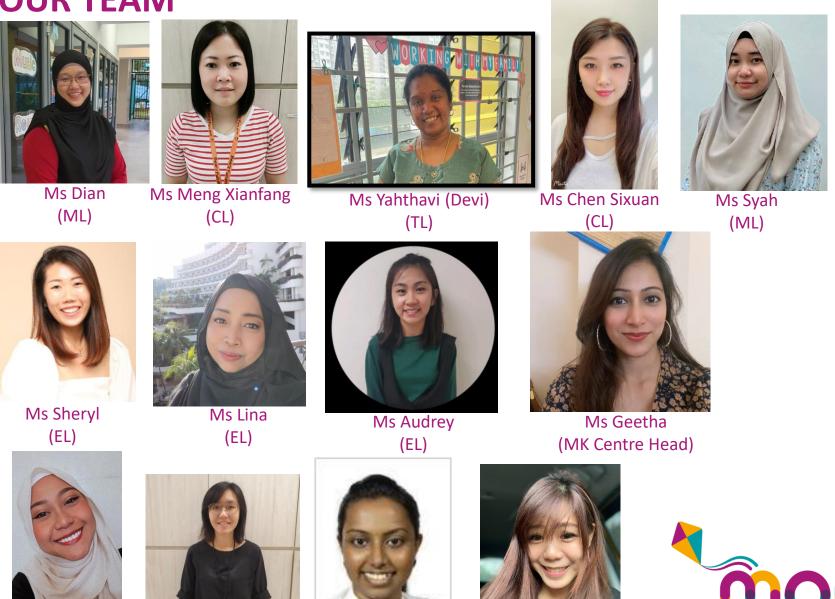
YOUR ORIENTATION PACKAGE – MK FAMILY HANDBOOK



- 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.



OUR TEAM



Ms Hidayah (EL)



Ms Letchmi (EL) Ms Yong Min (EL)



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

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

AM session: 8.00AM to 12.00PM (7.50 am arrival begins)

PM session: 1.00PM to 5.00PM (12.50 pm arrival begins)

Side Gate facing Yishun Avenue 6 will be used for arrival and dismissal

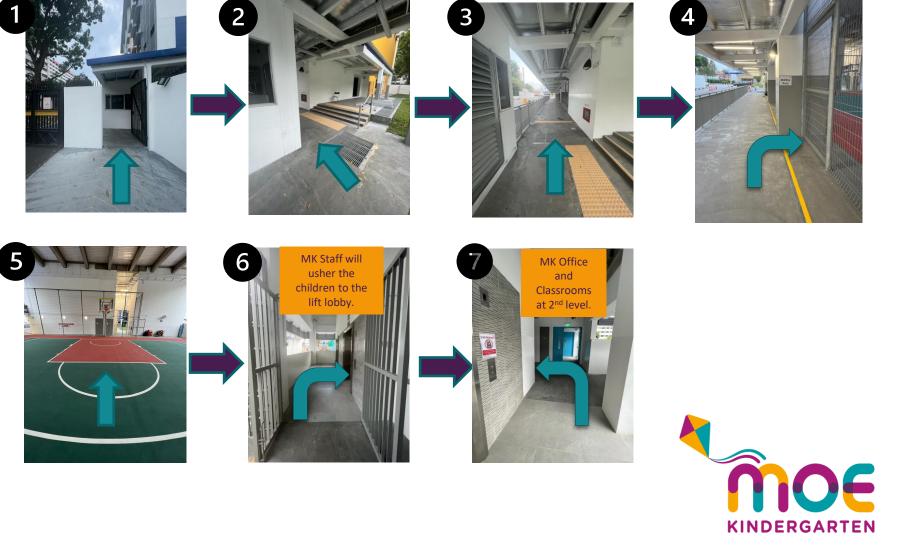




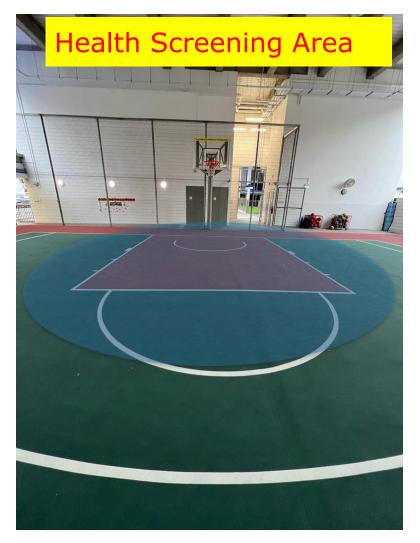
Arrival & Dismissal Gate

MK Arrival

Arrival Process is subjected to changes.







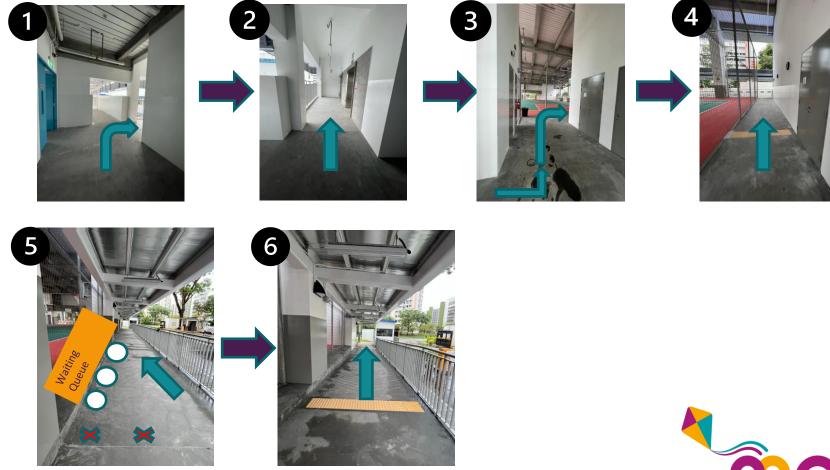
Health Screening Area:

Temperature and visual check will be conducted here. Teachers will bring the children to the classes.



MK Dismissal

Dismissal Process is subjected to changes.



MK Teachers will bring the children down class by class for dismissal.



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 should have provided the required information and photos for the passes via the online Child Data Form.
- You will receive the authorisation passes on 3 Jan 2023.



IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- Parents with primary school siblings and MK child in the morning will be allowed to enter the driveway.
- One parent/caregiver has to bring child to the heath screening area while the other adult has to drive off.
- 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** 403).





Nearest

• Block 403 (beside the school)







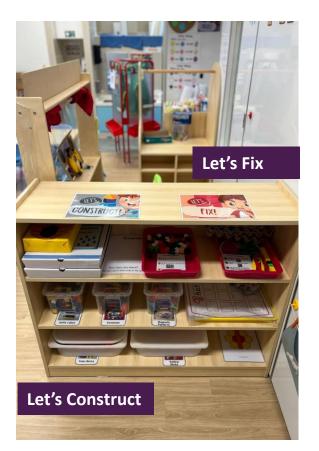
MK LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



MK Classroom at Level 2



LEARNING CENTRES













The classrooms will have learning centres which will help children to develop knowledge, skills and dispositions according to the six learning domains such as language and literacy, numeracy, discovery of the world, motor skills development, aesthetics and creative expressions and social and emotional development.

MK LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



KINDERGARTEN

Music & Movement Room at Level 3

MK/KCARE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT (PENDING WORKS TO BE COMPLETED)



Upcoming Playground



Upcoming Sensory Garden with Sand & Water Play Area



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



TERM 1 - THEME

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, self-esteem and selfconfidence



MK CURRICULUM VIDEO





https://go.gov.sg/nwvideo

Exclusive video for our MK Parents URL Link: <u>https://go.gov.sg/nwvideo</u>



MK CHILDREN IN ACTION















TYPICAL DAY

| 2023 Timetable (For K1 Class) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----|
| Time (AM) | Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri | | | | |
| 7.50 - 8.00 | Arrival / Health Check | | | | |
| 8.00 - 8.30 | | Outdoor Play / San | d & Water Play / Trikes | Play / Gardening | |
| 8.30 - 9.20 | | | HI-Light | | |
| 9.20 - 10.00 | | Snack / Learning Centre | | | |
| 10.00 - 11.00 | Starlight (Mother Tongue Language) | | | | |
| 11.00 - 11.50 | Starlight (English Language) | | | | |
| 11.50 - 12.00 | Dismissal | | | | |
| Time (PM) | Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri | | | | Fri |
| 12.50 - 1.00 | Arrival / Health Check | | | | |
| 1.00 – 1.50 | Starlight (English Language) | | | | |
| 1.50 - 2.50 | Starlight (Mother Tongue Language) | | | | |
| 2.50 - 3.30 | Snack / Learning Centre | | | | |
| 3.30 - 4.20 | HI-Light | | | | |
| 4.20 - 4.50 | Outdoor Play / Sand & Water Play / Trikes Play / Gardening | | | | |
| 4.50 - 5.00 | | D | ismissal / KCare Transit | ion | |



Note: Sequence of activities may differ from class to class

SNACKS (REFER TO PG 20 OF THE HANDBOOK FOR OUR GUIDELINES ON SNACKS)

Snacks are served every day

- A variety of snacks is served, e.g. bread rolls, buns, cereal, milk
- Menu will be available for reference on the first day of school
- Snacks served follow Health Promotion Board guidelines, e.g. "Healthier Choice" symbol







Sample Snacks menu



| Week | Food/ Beverage | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|------------|
| | Food | Cereal – corn based | Whole meal white bread (cheese slices) | Oats biscuits | Whole meal cream bun (vanilla) | Cut fruits |
| Odd Weeks | Beverage | Milk | Milk | Yogurt Drink (mixed berries) | Soya milk | Milk |
| | Food | Cereal - Wholegrain | Whole meal white bread (strawberry jam) | Oats biscuits | Whole meal cream bun (cream cheese) | Cut fruits |
| Even Weeks | Beverage | Milk | Milk | Yogurt Drink (mixed fruits) | Soya milk | Milk |

- Children who are unable to eat the snacks planned for the day due to dietary restrictions, alternative snack such as cereals or biscuits will be served for that day. Further discussion can be done with school regarding the snack arrangement.
- All snacks are halal.
- Changes to snack menu subjected to operational needs.



FIRST 2 DAYS OF SCHOOL

A significant milestone for each child

Preparing your child for the transition

| Dates | МК | KCare |
|---|---|---------------------|
| 2nd Jan 2022 Monday | Public Holi | day |
| 3rd Jan 202 Tuesday - No K2s and 1 | AM Session 8.00 am – 10.00 am (Arrival begins at 7.50 am) | 10.00 am – 12.00 pm |
| parent to accompany child 4 th Jan 2022 Wednesday | PM Session 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm (Arrival begins at 12.50 pm) | 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm |
| 5 th Jan 2022 onwards | Usual School Hours | Usual School Hours |

**Plans are subjected to the development of the COVID-19 situation.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TERM 1)

| Date Description | | Remarks | | | | |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Term 1 – 2 nd January to 10 th March | | | | | |
| 1 Jan 2023 | New Year's Day | Public Holiday | | | | |
| 3 & 4 Jan 2023 | First Day of School – Getting to know you programme © (for K1) | 2 hours of school - AM Session: 8.00 am to 10.00 am (KCare: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm) - PM Session: 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm (KCare: 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm) | | | | |
| 18 Jan 2023 | January Birthday Celebrations | MK will celebrate birthday for all children born in January | | | | |
| 22 and 23 Jan 2023 | Chinese New Year | Public Holiday | | | | |
| 15 Feb 2023 | February Birthday Celebrations | MK will celebrate birthday for all children born in February | | | | |
| 10 Mar 2023 | K1 LIFE@MK | Date to be confirmed | | | | |
| 11 to 19 Mar 2023 | Term 1 School Holidays | School Holidays (KCare remains open) | | | | |

DAILY CHECKLIST

Your child should bring the following to kindergarten daily:

| 1 extra set of uniform |
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| 1 set of undergarment |
| Water bottle with sling filled with plain water |

Please label all your child's belongings (including bag and shoes).



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 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. 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.



TRANSITION INTO MK

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.

TRANSITION INTO MK

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

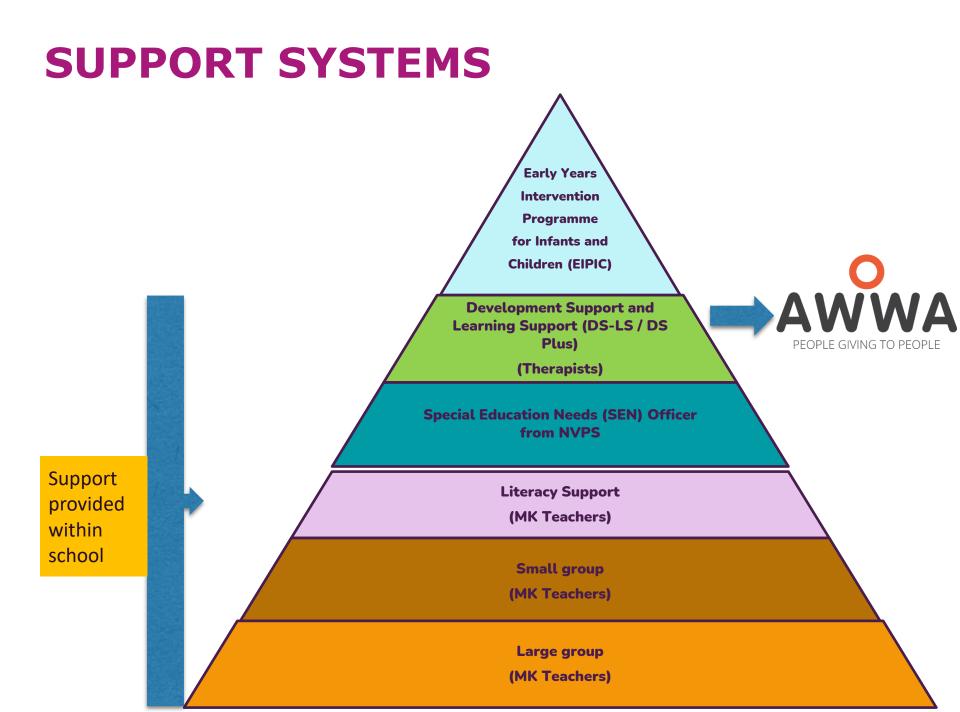
Bid your child goodbye when you leave the kindergarten and say when you will be back to pick him/her.

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.

COMMUNICATION

| School/Child Updates | |
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| 1. Parents Gateway (PG) | na |
| Refer to email sent on 21 October 2022 (Orientation Letter) Parents Gateway will be available for download from 16th December 2022 Announcements, official letters, surveys, child updates, programme updates, family-based activities, etc. will be shared via PG | |
| 2. ClassDojo | |
| Invitation link will be sent via email by early Dec Updates regarding school programme and children's participation in activities will be shared via ClassDojo Can be used for direct messages to teachers / Centre Head | ClassDojo |
| 3. Learning Portfolio | |
| Parents-Teacher Conference will be held twice a year to provides updates to parents regarding child's progress in his/her learning and development Updates regarding children will be shared via Parents Gateway | Nome Class Date of Berth MOE Kindergarten @ Narth View |





COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

In 2022, MK has begun its partnership with Circle of Care.

Circle of Care (CoC) is an early childhood social work programme that focuses on the holistic development of children from less privileged backgrounds. Based in preschools, they journey with the children from infancy through age 9 by connecting parents, preschools, primary schools, and the community to create an integrated network of support.





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.



ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 1. Email sent on 14 October: MK Online Child Data Form Link
- 2. Email sent on 21 October:
- Orientation Letter
- Acknowledgement Letter for MTL Policy
- Interbank GIRO Form
- KiFAS Application Form
- Self-Declaration Form
- Explanatory Notes and Supporting Document Checklist for KiFAS application
- Additional Supporting Document for KiFAS application
- <u>KCare (Big Heart)</u>: KCare Letter / Additional Subsidy Form (applicable to children enrolling for KCare Service)



MK SCHOOL FEES

| Monthly Fees | | | |
|---|-------|--|--|
| Singapore Citizen Permanent Resident | | | |
| \$160 | \$320 | | |
| Fees for Jan and Feb are collected in the month of Feb | | | |
| Fees for Nov and Dec are collected in the month Nov | | | |

- Fees are also payable during the June and December School Holidays
- Fees are payable via GIRO using your bank account or Child Development Account (CDA)
- For those not on GIRO or using CDA, you may also pay school fees via SAM Kiosk, SAM Web or SAM Mobile (scan/screenshot the SAM receipt and email to MK)



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.



KINDERGARTEN UNIFORM



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 | | Sizes | Demerika | |
|------------------------|--|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Description | Beau Voix | Jeep Sing | Sizes | Remarks | |
| Polo T-shirt (top) | \$7 | \$7 | | Unisex | |
| Shorts (boys' bottom) | \$7 | \$8 | XS to 3XL; odd 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/ | |
| 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.



Sale of uniform is available on/at:

- 3. On-site uniform sale
- i. Date/ Time for MK@North View: 2 pm to 5 pm
- ii. In our letter to invite you to Orientation, we had informed parents that try-out of uniform is not allowed and to check on the sizes beforehand. Exchange of sizes can be done with the respective supplier within 7 working days of purchase (Terms & Conditions apply)



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 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 |

To retrieve the MK UNIFORM SUBSIDY LETTER, please approach the School Admin Staff during the orientation or contact the MK office hotline.



https://www.moe.gov.sg/preschool/moe-

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On To A Strong Start!