

# Welcome to our 2024 MOE Kindergarten (MK) Open House



MOE Kindergarten @ First Toa Payoh



## Today's programme

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	Welcome Address	Principal
	MK and KCare Briefing	Centre Head
	Q&A / MK and KCare Tour	

# **Welcome Address by Mrs. Choy**

**Principal, First Toa Payoh Primary School**

# Welcome Message by Mdm. Rajeshwari

Centre Head, MK@FY

# **Presentation Outline about MOE Kindergarten (MK)**

## Presentation Outline about MK

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# Our Team

## MOE Kindergarten @ First Toa Payoh [MK Team 2024]

*ON TO A STRONG START*

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Ms Rajeshwari d/o  
Thangasami  
Centre Head



Ms Saleha Ahmadi Bte  
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[MKE/SH-EL]



Ms Ashwini Prasad  
Pillai [MKE/EL]



Ms Chiam Pick Ling  
Janet [MK EO/EL]



Ms Nurul'Ain Farhanah  
Abdul Halim [MKE/EL]



Ms Han Xiaoni  
[MKE/ST-CL]



Ms Deng Hua  
[MKE/CL]



Ms Xiao Rong  
[MKE/CL]



Ms K Ananthavalli  
[MKE/TL] (4/5)



Ms Noor Yasmeen  
Bensmeer Abdul [MKE/ML] (1/2)



# MK Programme

 Two levels – Kindergarten 1 and Kindergarten 2

 Four-hour daily programme (AM)

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

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

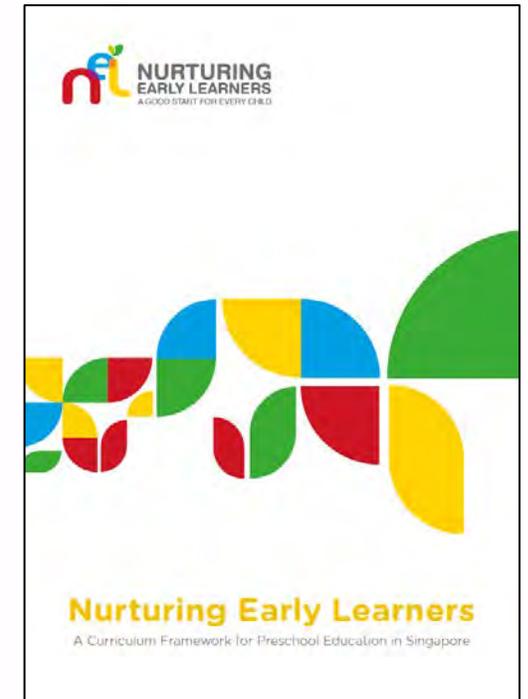
## MK Programme –(AM Session)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.50 – 8.00 a.m.	Arrival and Health Check				
8.00 – 8.10 a.m.	Welcome and Circle Time (10 min)				
8.10 – 8.40 a.m.	Outdoor Play (30 min)				
8.40 – 9.20 a.m.	Starlight Literacy (English Language) Programme (40 min)				
9.20 – 9.40 a.m.	Snack (20 min)				
9.40 – 10.00 a.m.	Learning Centre (20 min)				
10.00 – 10.50 a.m.	HI-Light Programme (50 min)				
10.50 – 11.50 a.m.	Starlight Literacy (Mother Tongue Languages) Programme (60 min)				
11.50 – 12.00 p.m.	Transition & Dismissal (10 min)				

Note: Sequence of activities may differ from class to class

# 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

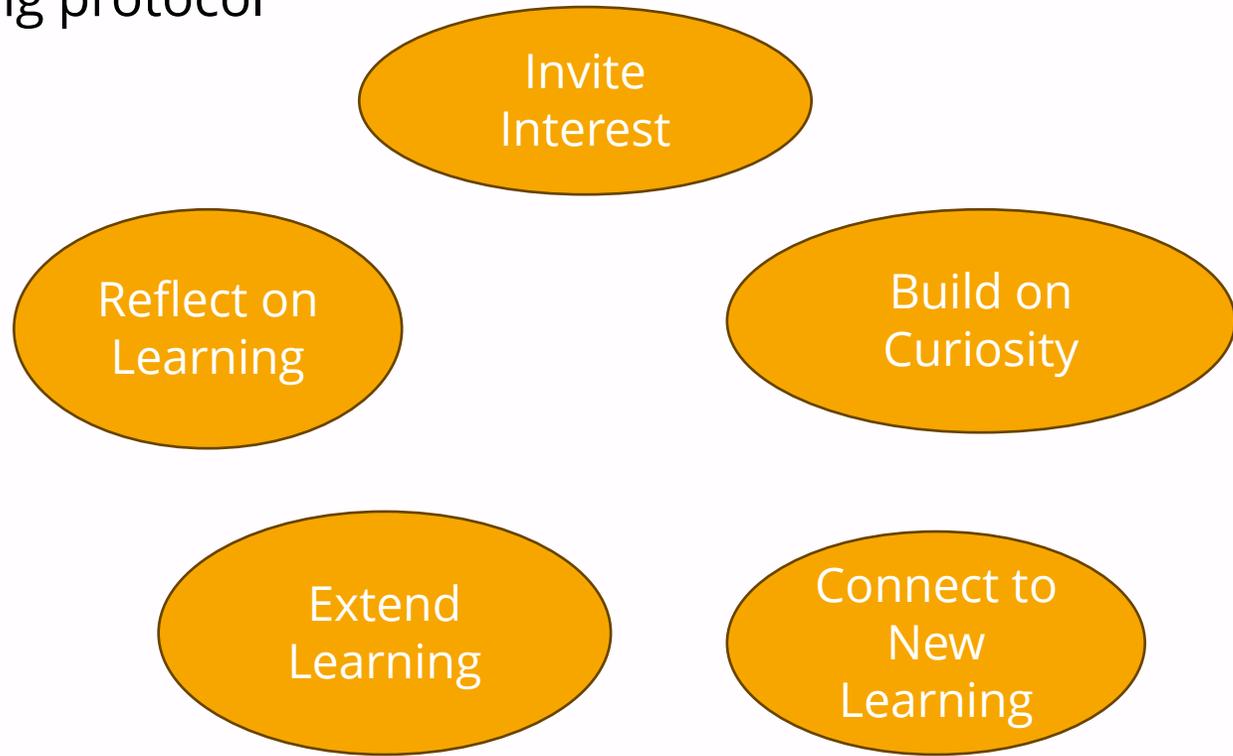
The HI-Light Programme is designed to support the holistic development of children by nurturing in them **values, social and emotional skills** and **learning dispositions**, as well as **knowledge and skills** across the following **five learning areas** through an integrated approach:

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



# MK Curriculum

HI-Light Programme is designed according to the 5- step teaching protocol



# MK Programme – A day at an MK



# MK Curriculum

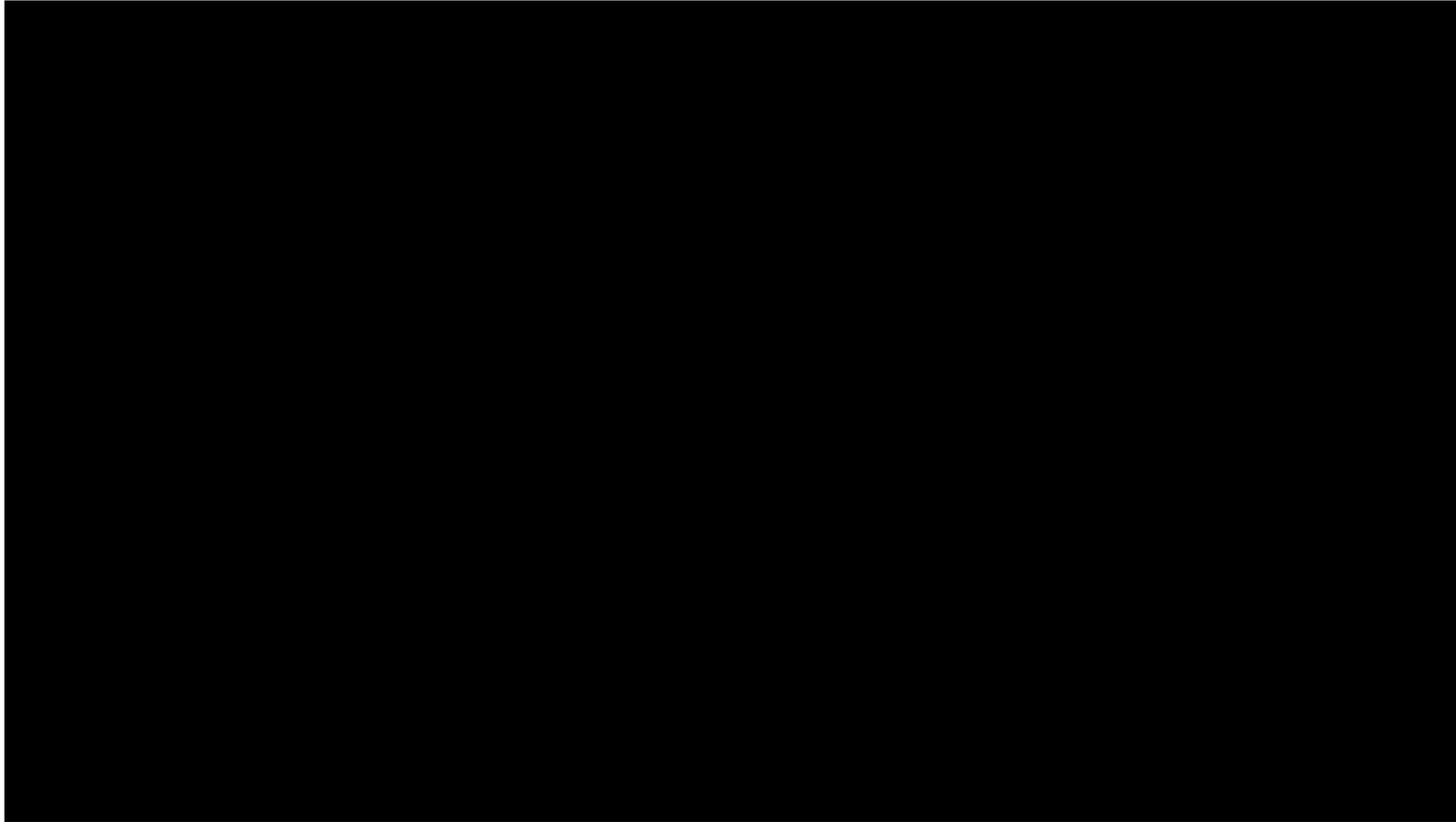
## Organization of Hi-Light Learning Activities.

- Key Features
- Social and Emotional Competencies
- Executive Functioning Skills
- Learning Centres
- Language and Literacy
- Music and Movement
- Gross Motor Activities
- Outdoor Learning Activities
- Numeracy Key Considerations





# MK Curriculum



# 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

# Centre-based Programmes



## 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

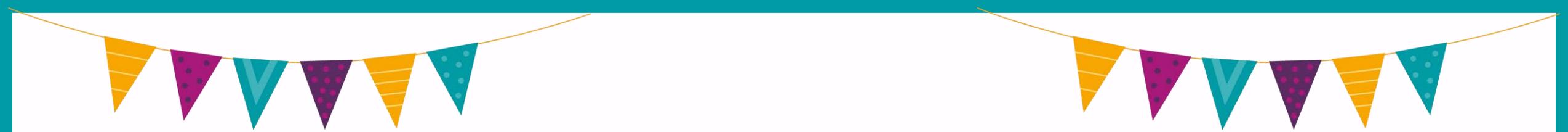
-  KiFAS subsidy applies only to MK school fees
-  Eligible families with Singapore Citizen children may apply for KiFAS subsidy, which is provided by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA), through MK.
-  The family needs to meet either the Gross Monthly Household Income (HHI) or the Gross Monthly 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.

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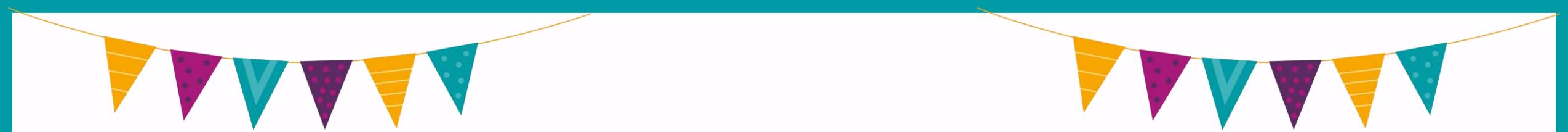
Gross Monthly Household Income	Gross Per Capita Income	Monthly Kindergarten Fee after Subsidy
\$3,000 and below	\$750 and below	\$1
\$3,001 - \$4,500	\$751 - \$1,125	\$12
\$4,501 - \$6,000	\$1,126 - \$1,500	\$55
\$6,001 - \$7,500	\$1,501 - \$1,875	\$75
\$7,501 - \$9,000	\$1,876 - \$2,250	\$95
\$9,001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



**Welcome to KCare @ First Toa Payoh**  
**Singapore EduSmart Learning Hub Pte Ltd**

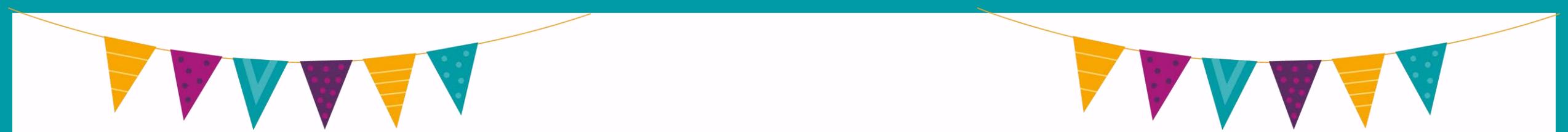


## Our Vision, Mission & Values

**VISION:** Quality Innovative Provider of Education Services

**MISSION:** We strive to deliver quality education outcomes through innovation and customer centric culture. We develop our staff professionally and forge synergistic collaboration with our partners and stakeholders. We celebrate success of our students and staff.

**VALUES:** Integrity, Care, Trust. (ICT)



# Background of Singapore EduSmart Learning Hub



**Founded in 2012**



**Caters for more than 1,000 students in Singapore**



**Bizsafe 4 certified**

# 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

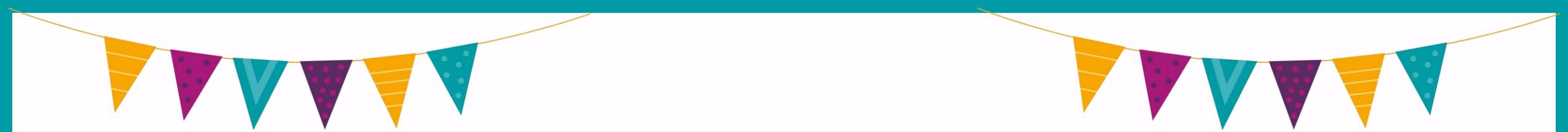
*\*Please note that KCare does not offer academic-related experiences.*



# 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

# Art and Craft



# Cookery



# Gardening



# Music, Movement and Dramatisation



# Sand and Water Play



# Tinkering



## Routine - Lunch



# Sample Lunch Menu



Meal Periods	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Vegetables Fried Mixed Grain Rice (Eggs, Carrots & Cabbage) 萝卜, 蛋, 包菜, 炒混合谷粮饭 - Eggs	Pumpkin with Minced Chicken in Mixed Grain Porridge 南瓜, 鸡胗混合谷粮粥	Mixed Grain Rice 混合谷粮饭	Mixed Grain Rice 混合谷粮饭	Wholegrain Hokkien Noodle 全麦福建面 - Wheat
	Chicken Stew Potage 西式焗鸡 - Dairy - Wheat	Mixed Vegetable Stew (Cabbage, Leek, Carrots & Potato Stew 焗包菜, 韭葱, 萝卜和马铃薯) - Wheat - Soya	Baked Fish with Mushroom Sauce 烤鱼与蘑菇酱 - Soy	Braised Chicken 卤鸡 - Soya - Wheat	Sliced Fish in Thick Gravy with Eggs 鱼片鸡蛋浓酱 - Eggs - Cornflour
			Easy Sautéed Spinach 炒茼菜苗 - Wheat	Stir Fry Chap Chye - Wheat	Cai Xin 菜心 - Soya - Wheat
	Minestrone Soup 意大利浓汤		Clear Tomato Soup 番茄清汤	Wintermelon Soup with Red Dates 冬瓜汤与红枣	Red Carrot Soup 红萝卜汤

# Sample Tea Break Menu

  
**KCARE @ FIRST TOA PAYOH**  
**TERM 1 TEA BREAK MENU**  
**ODD WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b> Cereal (Koko Krunch) & Milk	<b>TUESDAY</b> Wholemeal Mantou & Soya Drink	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Red Bean Bread & Milo
<b>THURSDAY</b> Cereal (Corn Flakes) & Milk	<b>FRIDAY</b> Butterscotch Bread & Chocolate Milk	



  
**KCARE @ FIRST TOA PAYOH**  
**TERM 1 TEA BREAK MENU**  
**EVEN WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b> Cereal (Honey Stars) & Milk	<b>TUESDAY</b> Kaya Bread & Chocolate Milk	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Oat with Banana & Milk
<b>THURSDAY</b> Cheese Sandwich & Soya Drink	<b>FRIDAY</b> Pandan Cake & Water	



# Routine -Nap



# KCare Environment



Art & Craft activity room



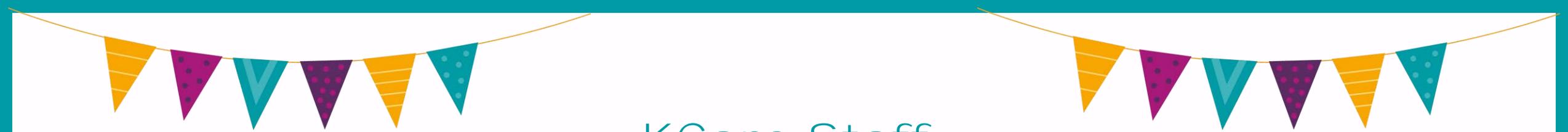
Cookery activity room



Sensory garden



Sand & water play area



## 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.

# KCare Staff



Karyne Tan  
KCare Supervisor



Rajagopal Vimala  
Programme Staff



Jaspreet Kaur  
Programme Staff



Nur Elyani  
Programme Staff



Sai Jin Lee  
Operation Support

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



**KCare @ First Toa Payoh**  
**Timetable – K1 Respect, K1 Wonder**

Time	Activity
12.00pm to 1.30pm	Arrival from MOE Kindergarten (Temperature Taking/Health Check) Routine Care/Changing of Uniforms/Lunch Dedicated Reading Time (15mins)
1.30pm to 2.30pm	Nap
2.30pm to 3.00pm	Indoor Movement Games/Activities
3.00pm to 3.30pm	Tea Break
3.30pm to 4.30pm	Modular Activities
4.30pm to 5.00pm	Outdoor Free Play
5.00pm to 7.00pm	Indoor Free Play/Quiet Time/Dismissal



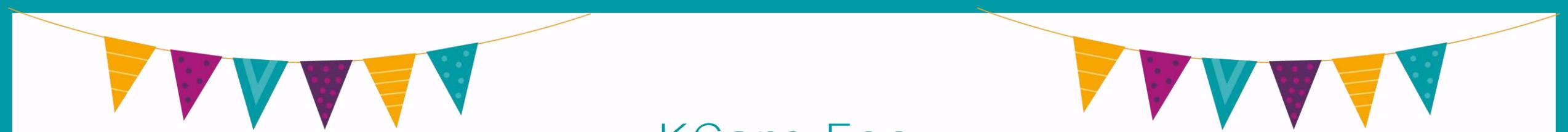
Both MK and KCare staff will work out an arrangement for the smooth handover of the children.

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



Time	Activity
7am to 9.00am	Arrival/Health Check) Breakfast Indoor Free Play
9.00am to 10.00am	Outdoor Free Play
10.00am to 10.30am	Morning Snack
10.30am to 11.30am	Modular Activity
11.30am to 12pm	Dedicated Reading Time
12pm to 3pm	Lunch, Wipe down, Rest / Nap
3pm to 3.30pm	Tea Break
3.30pm to 4.30pm	Holiday Programme
4.30pm to 5pm	Let's Groove it! Music and Movement
5pm to 7pm	Indoor Free Play/Quiet Time/Dismissal





# KCare Fee

## Monthly fee for KCare in 2025

	<b>Singapore Citizen</b>	<b>Singapore Permanent Resident</b>
Monthly fee for KCare in 2025	\$185.00 (Fee after \$150 basic subsidy)	\$335.00
Refundable Deposit	\$185.00	\$335.00



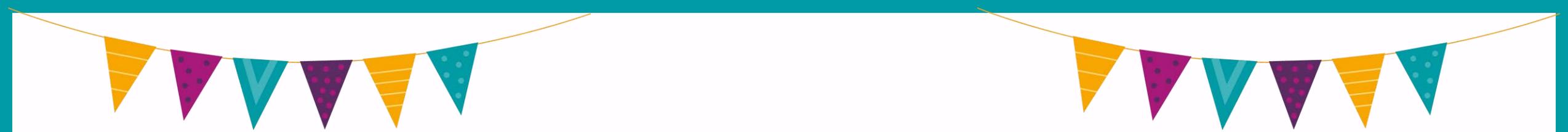
# KCare Fees

## Monthly fee for KCare in 2024

Singapore Citizen	Singapore Permanent Resident
Up to \$265 <small>(Fee shown above is after \$150 basic subsidy)</small>	Up to \$415

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>

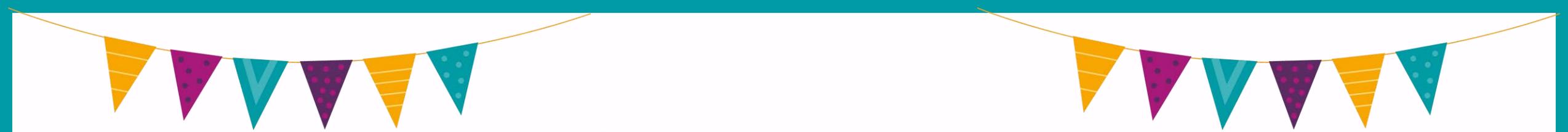


## KCARE Fee – Subsidies Tier

Subsidies are provided by MOE in 2 tiers:

-  Basic Subsidy: All SC children are eligible for and automatically given a Basic Subsidy of \$150 per month.
-  Additional Subsidy (applicable only if KiFAS application is successful): Tiered according to income for SC children provided they meet the following criteria:
  - a) The mother/single father of the SC child is working at least 56 hours a month; and
  - b) The family's total monthly HHI is no higher than \$12,000 or the PCI is no higher than \$3,000. Note that MOE will take reference from the approved ECDA KIFAS for this assessment.

Note: The child must attend at least 1 day of KCare to qualify for the monthly subsidies.



## Communication

We encourage and appreciate frequent communication between the KCare operator and parents.

We can be reached at:

Email: [firsttp\\_kcare@singaporeedusmart.edu.sg](mailto:firsttp_kcare@singaporeedusmart.edu.sg)

Telephone: 80319188

Operating Hours: Monday to Friday 12pm to 7pm, during term time and 7am to 7pm during school holidays.

(Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays and up to 8 additional days each year.)

Thank you!



# 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 Oct / 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



## MK-Early Years Centre (EYC) Partnership

- 🎈 Partnering two Anchor Operators:
  - i. NTUC First Campus' My First Skool (MFS)
  - ii. PAP Community Foundation Sparkletots Preschool (PCF)
- 🎈 Children aged two months to four years attend the partner EYC(s) offered by MFS or PCF. Eligible Nursery 2 (N2) children enrolled in our partner EYC(s) are guaranteed a place at MK@XXX and can choose to enrol at MK@XXX to continue their K1 and K2 programme.
- 🎈 Our MK's partner EYC(s) are:
  - i. PCF Sparkletots Preschool @ Toa Payoh East-Novena Blk 6
  - ii. PCF Sparkletots Preschool @ Toa Payoh East-Novena Blk 261

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

- ✈ Quality & Affordable Kindergarten Education
- ✈ Caring & Skillful 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 both Open Admissions (OA) and Early Years Centre (EYC)\* 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.

*\* Eligible children from EYCs will receive an MK registration notification letter through the EYC that your child is enrolled in. More information on the registration process will be provided in the notification letter. If you decide to register your child in a non-partner MK, you can apply via Open Admissions (OA) registration form. Your application will be considered under the MK OA registration and subject to the same conditions as all other OA applications.*

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

Share your feedback with us!



<https://go.gov.sg/feedbackmkoh2024>

**ON TO A STRONG START!**



**Thank you!**



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# Annex