

MOE Kindergarten full-day model from 2027: 7am to 7pm, S$3 to S$425 a month after subsidies

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The MOE Kindergarten full-day model is coming in 2027, and it changes how working parents arrange care for a 5 or 6 year old. MOE will pilot it at two kindergartens, MK@Rivervale and MK@West View, before rolling it out to all MOE Kindergartens (MKs) by 2030. The idea was first announced at the National Day Rally 2026, and MOE published the details on 28 October 2026.

What the MOE Kindergarten full-day model replaces

Today, MOE runs 56 MKs with a four-hour programme for K1 and K2. Parents who need longer hours sign up for KCare, which is run by an external provider appointed by MOE, and pay a separate fee.

Under the full-day model, learning, play and care sit in one programme run by MOE. Parents pay a single fee to the MK. MK Educators lead the class, supported by MOE-hired MK Programme Officers who help with care and supervision, so your child sees the same faces through the day.



Source: Ministry of Education, Singapore

Hours and what your child does

The full-day programme runs from 7am to 7pm on weekdays, in term time and during the school holidays. A half-day option runs from 7am to 12.30pm for families who do not need the long stretch.

MOE says it is closed on gazetted public holidays, MOE-designated school holidays (Teachersâ?? Day, Childrenâ??s Day, Youth Day and the day after National Day) and centre closure days. The usual MK curriculum continues, covering confidence, social skills, literacy and numeracy, and preparing children for Primary 1. On top of that, MOE adds three things:

- Spotlight: child-directed play in Mother Tongue Language.
- Open-ended outdoor play with hula hoops, cones, planks and tyres.
- Delight: school holiday activities in STEM, drama and visual arts, which parents are encouraged (not required) to sign up for.



Source: Ministry of Education, Singapore

Fees at the two pilot kindergartens in 2027

MOE has published monthly fees for the pilot MKs. Singapore Citizen fees after subsidies depend on your familyâ??s eligibility for the Basic Subsidy, Additional Subsidy and an MOE top-up.

- Singapore Citizens, full-day: S$665 before subsidies, S$3 to S$425 after.
- Singapore Citizens, half-day: S$310 before subsidies, S$1 to S$160 after.
- Permanent Residents: S$735 for full-day and S$320 for half-day.

Fees for learning journeys and external vendor-led programmes are paid separately by parents. MOE expects out-of-pocket costs after subsidies to be comparable to the combined MK and KCare fees today, and to full-day childcare at ECDA Anchor Operators. Fees for 2028 to 2030 will be shared later.

How subsidies work

Citizen families in the pilot will receive fee subsidies under the Infant and Childcare Subsidy Scheme, the same system used for ECDA-administered preschool programmes. This replaces ECDAâ??s Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) and MOEâ??s existing KCare subsidies for these MKs. MOE then adds top-up subsidies so that what you pay stays close to current levels.

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Source: Ministry of Education, Singapore

What parents at the pilot schools need to know

MK@Rivervale is a new MK enrolling its first K1 batch, and the 57th MK in 2027. At MK@West View, children in the four-hour K1 programme move to the half-day full-day-model programme in K2, while children from MK-KCare move to the full-day programme. Parents choose between half-day and full-day.

For other MKs, the timing is still open. MOE will roll out the model progressively from 2028 to 2030, and will name the MKs for the following year at the start of each March MK Registration Exercise. The 2028 list should therefore appear at the 2027 exercise, for the 2028 K1 cohort.

If your child is not at one of the two pilot schools, nothing changes for now. Keep an eye on the MOE Kindergarten page for registration dates and fee updates, and if you are weighing preschool options, our guide to screen time for children during the holidays and our note on child injury prevention in the school holidays are useful reads for the long weeks that a 7pm programme is meant to cover.

For family outings once the hours are sorted, see Christmas Wonderland 2026 with kids.

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