

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CHILD CARE CENTRES & KINDERGARTENS

SIMILARITIES



- Both provide early childhood care and/or education for children below the age of 7.
- Both will be licensed under the Early Childhood Development Centres Act from 2018.

DIFFERENCES

CHILD CARE SERVICES

- Between 18 mths and below 7 yrs old.

INFANT CARE SERVICES*

- Between 2 and 18 mths.

*Not all child care centres offer infant care services.



AGE GROUP



KINDERGARTEN SERVICES

- Below 7 yrs old, typically (but not necessarily) starting at age 3.



SERVICES INCLUDE

- Full-day
- Flexi care (12-24 hrs)
- Half-day
- Flexi care (>36-48 hrs)



PROGRAMME LENGTH

SERVICES INCLUDE

- 3 to 4 hrs per day
- Two available sessions per day to select from.



WEEKDAYS

- 7 AM - 7 PM

SATURDAYS

- 7 AM - 2 PM



OPERATING HOURS

CLOSED ON:

- Sundays, gazetted public holidays and 6 annual closure days.

WEEKDAYS

- Depends on the programme session.

CLOSED ON:

- Weekends and school holidays.



INFANT CARE

- 2 to 18 mths old

PLAYGROUP

- 18 mths to 2 yrs old

PRE-NURSERY (NURSERY 1/N1)

- 3 yrs old

NURSERY (NURSERY 2/N2)

- 4 yrs old

KINDERGARTEN 1 (K1)

- 5 yrs old

KINDERGARTEN 2 (K2)

- 6 yrs old

LEVELS



*PRE-NURSERY (NURSERY 1/N1)

- 3 yrs old

KINDERGARTEN 1 (K1)

- 5 yrs old

*PLAYGROUP

- 18 mths to 2 yrs old

*NURSERY (NURSERY 2/N2)

- 4 yrs old

KINDERGARTEN 2 (K2)

- 6 yrs old

*Not all kindergartens offer these levels.

OTHER PRESCHOOL TYPES

EARLY YEARS CENTRE (EYC)

- Provides early childhood development services for children aged 2 mths to 4 yrs old.
- In the year they turn 5, eligible Singaporean N2 children enrolled in an EYC will be guaranteed a K1 place in a nearby partner MOE Kindergarten.



MOE KINDERGARTEN

- Offers 4-hr K1 and K2 programmes for children aged 5 and 6 yrs old.
- MOE kindergartens are run by the Ministry of Education (MOE).

