

ANNEX A

REVISED SCFA SUBSIDY FRAMEWORK

For households with 4 or fewer family members	For households with 5 or more family members	Existing subsidy		Revised subsidy (wef 1 Jul 2020)	
Gross Household Income (\$)	Gross PerCapita Income (\$)	Subsidy (%)	Maximum subsidy (\$)	Subsidy (%)	Maximum subsidy (\$)
≤1,500	≤375	98	285	98	290
1,501 – 2,000	376 – 500	95	275	95	280
2,001 – 2,200	501 – 550	90	261	90	266
2,201 – 2,400	551 – 600	80	232	85	251
2,401 – 2,600	601 – 650	70	203	80	236
2,601 – 2,800	651 – 700	60	174	70	207
2,801 – 3,000	701 – 750	50	145	60	177
3,001 – 3,200	751 – 800	40	116	50	148
3,201 – 3,400	801 – 850	30	87	40	118
3,401 – 3,500	851 – 875	20	58		
3,501 – 4,000	876 – 1,000	10	29	30	89
4,001 – 4,500	1,001 – 1,125	0	0	20	59

Worked examples:

- For a family earning gross household income of \$1,500 per month, the SCC out-of-pocket cost (after subsidies) will be **reduced by 50%** from \$10 per month to \$5 per month in a median-fee SCC.
- For a family earning gross household income of \$2,600 per month, the SCC out-of-pocket cost (after subsidies) will be **reduced by 36%** from \$92 per month to \$59 per month in a median-fee SCC.
- For a family earning gross household income of \$3,500 per month, the SCC out-of-pocket cost (after subsidies) will be **reduced by 25%** from \$237 per month to \$177 per month in a median-fee SCC.

ANNEX B

ANSWERS TO POSSIBLE QUERIES

Enhancements to SCFA

- 1. Apart from monthly fee subsidies, does MSF provide any other assistance to help families with student care costs?**

MSF will continue to provide families eligible for SCFA with a one-off Start-Up Grant of up to \$400 to help pay for the initial costs of enrolling their child in the SCC. This may include costs such as the registration fee, deposit, insurance and uniform, where applicable.

- 2. How many children are expected to benefit from these enhancements?**

Around 9,000 children and their families are expected to benefit from these enhancements in the year of implementation.

Student Care Landscape

- 3. What is the demand and supply situation like for SCCs? What are MSF and MOE doing to meet demand?**

There are more than 400 SCCs in both schools and the community that are registered with MSF to administer SCFA.

MOE has set up an SCC in all 185 primary schools. Most school-based SCCs have vacancies readily available for parents who wish to enrol their children. For the few school-based SCCs with waitlists, the average number of waitlisted students is low.

MSF and MOE will continue to monitor the student care landscape closely.

- 4. How does MSF ensure the quality of SCC operators?**

SCCs that wish to administer the SCFA scheme are required to register with MSF and meet stipulated standards. These include standards on, among other things, providing a clean and safe physical environment with appropriately sized activity areas, observing good safety, health and hygiene practices, proper supervision of students, and a structured daily programme that supports learning and development.

MSF conducts audits on registered SCCs to ensure compliance with the above requirements. SCCs that do not meet requirements and fail to rectify the areas of improvement within the stipulated timeline can have their SCFA administrator status revoked.

MSF also recognises the need for student care staff to receive relevant and continued training. MSF provides guidelines to registered SCCs on recommended educational qualifications and training for their supervisors and staff. For example, MSF recommends the Workforce Skills Qualifications Introductory Student Care Centre Course, conducted by Ngee Ann Polytechnic, for new SCC staff. This course trains SCC staff to provide a safe, challenging, positive and developmentally appropriate physical environment for SCC students.