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The first pre-school at Gardens by the Bay



Bayfront Pavilion is where Gardens by the Bay's first pre-school will open in March 2023.

The tender for the first pre-school in Gardens by the Bay was awarded to EtonHouse International Education Group, and the EtonHouse Garden School by the Bay will open in March 2023. It is located at Bayfront Pavilion, next to Bayfront MRT station.

The pre-school will offer a programme from infant care to six years of age, with a curriculum designed around the three pillars of nature education, sustainability and community.

Leveraging on the verdant environment of Gardens by the Bay to provide enriching hands-on learning opportunities, children will spend half of their learning time in the outdoors. There will also be sessions where the children get to interact with Gardens by the Bay's horticulturists.

The pre-school will have a strong sustainability focus, not only to impart to young children the importance of sustainable living, but also to develop in them an appreciation for nature, for example its ecosystems.

This approach is in line with Gardens by the Bay's strong sustainability thrust. After all, the Gardens was designed with sustainable features incorporated into its iconic attractions such as the cooled conservatories and Supertrees, as well as its lake system. Gardens by the Bay is also a home to a thriving diversity of wildlife, for example at its urban wetlands Kingfisher Wetlands, which opened last year.



Details about the sustainability features incorporated into the design of Gardens by the Bay are here: www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/en/about-us/our-gardens-story/sustainability-efforts.html

Some examples of such learning opportunities at the pre-school include:

- Zero plastic use and use of natural materials.
- Active plastic, paper, and fabric recycling bins and compost bins to reduce food waste
- A ReAldo Lab to upcycle loose parts and other materials
- A 'water as a renewable energy' project
- A modern-day aquaponics farming programme to allow the children to experience how organisms co-exist within ecosystems in real time. It will also include sustainability practices that will reduce waste while increasing harvesting crops, thus nurturing a natural and organic habit of mind around sustainable practices in everyday life situations
- Healthy and sustainable cooking with a farm-to-table approach will also engage children in growing produce in the outdoor edible garden

Learning experiences created exclusively for the pre-school at Gardens by the Bay include:

- A Supertree playground for play and exploration, which will have an explorer mezzanine deck for children to engage in sensory experiences
- A biophilic play area
- A miniature forest bioactive terrarium
- A discovery pond, a bug hotel and a sensory garden

Beyond being a pre-school, the premises can also be transformed into a learning hub for the wider community on weekends, where there are plans to offer nature and sustainability-based workshops and programmes for the public.