

**Education Bureau Circular No. 20/2017
Free Quality Kindergarten Education Scheme
Performance Indicators (Kindergartens)**

[Note : This circular should be read by –

- (a) Supervisors and Heads of Kindergartens, Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres and Schools with Kindergarten Classes – for action; and
- (b) Heads of Sections – for information.]

SUMMARY

This circular aims to inform all kindergartens (KGs), KG-cum-child care centres and schools with KG classes (collectively referred to as “KGs” hereafter) contents of the refined Performance Indicators (KGs), and the schedule of implementation.

DETAILS

2. The Government has implemented the Free Quality KG Education Scheme (Scheme) starting from the 2017/18 school year to improve the quality of KG education in various aspects, which include refining the Quality Assurance (QA) Framework. The current QA Framework comprises School Self-evaluation (SSE) and Quality Review (QR), both are conducted on the basis of Performance Indicators. To dovetail with the development of KG education, changes of the society, children’s developmental needs, and implementation of the free quality KG education policy, the Education Bureau (EDB) has refined the Performance Indicators to strengthen the current QA Framework and to further enhance the quality of KG education. The Advisory Group on the Review of Performance Indicators (Advisory Group), comprising ECE experts, frontline early childhood educators and lay members, was set up to join hands in refining the Performance Indicators. Views were collected from various stakeholders during the process.

3. The draft revised Performance Indicators (KGs) was uploaded to the EDB website, followed by consultation through four briefings and a questionnaire survey

for KGs from end of May to end of July 2017. The KG sector generally agreed that the refinement was based on experiences and achievements gained from KGs' SSE and QR over the past years, and tying in with the implementation of the free quality KG education policy and the *Kindergarten Education Curriculum Guide (2017)*. Views collected were thoroughly discussed by the Advisory Group for finalising the Performance Indicators applicable to all local KGs. The finalised Performance Indicators (KGs) have been uploaded onto the EDB website.

IMPLEMENTATION

4. To promote the sustainable development of quality KG education, all KGs joining the Scheme are required to conduct their SSE with reference to the revised Performance Indicators (KGs) at the end of the 2017/18 school year. EDB will use these Performance Indicators to conduct QR starting from the 2018/19 school year.

5. Besides, KGs not joining the Scheme are also encouraged to conduct their SSE with reference to the Performance Indicators (KGs) for schools' continuous improvement.

6. To support KGs' use of the Performance Indicators (KGs), briefing sessions will be held from February to April 2018. Schedule of the briefing sessions is at Appendix. Please visit EDB's Training Calendar System in January 2018 for course details and enrolment. (Course ID: KGE020180034).

ENQUIRIES

7. For enquiries, please contact Ms. Pat TSUI of the Kindergarten Inspection Section at 2892 5458.

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**Promoting School Self-evaluation
Briefing Session on Performance Indicators (Kindergartens)**

1. Schedule of the briefing sessions are listed below. For details, please visit EDB's Training Calendar System (Course ID : KGE020180034).

<u>Session</u>	<u>Date</u>
AA	8 Feb 2018 (Thursday) pm
AB	9 Feb 2018 (Friday) am
AC	8 Mar 2018 (Thursday) am
AD	9 Mar 2018 (Friday) pm
AE	19 April 2018 (Thursday) am
AF	19 April 2018 (Thursday) pm
AG	26 April 2018 (Thursday) am (Conducted in English)
AH	27 April 2018 (Friday) am
AI	27 April 2018 (Friday) pm

2. The briefing sessions will be conducted in Cantonese, except session AG as specified above.
3. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above/ Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued on the day of a briefing session, and (1) the Warning Signal is still in effect at two hours before the start of the session, or (2) the Warning Signal is issued within two hours before the start of the session, then the affected session will be cancelled.
4. For enquiries, please contact the Kindergarten Inspection Section at 2892 5458.