

2027 PRESCHOOL PROSPECTUS

Early Years 1 to Kindergarten 2 (3 - 6 years)



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VISION

To Learn, Inspire and Serve

MISSION

Enabling students to learn how to learn and
to learn how to live as Lasallian people for others

VALUES



Faith



Service



Community



Excellence



Respect

NURTURING YOUNG MINDS FOR GROWTH, LEARNING AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Dear Prospective Students and Parents,

Welcome to St. Joseph's Institution (SJI) International Preschool, where we are proud to continue the rich tradition of nurturing young minds in partnership with our dedicated community of parents and guardians. Rooted in a Lasallian Catholic foundation, our preschool offers a holistic educational experience enriched by diversity, contributing to a vibrant learning environment here in Singapore.

At SJI International, we uphold the values of Faith, Service, Community, Excellence, and Respect. These principles guide us in fostering not only academic excellence but also character development from an early age, preparing our students to become compassionate and responsible global citizens.

Building on our legacy of over 300 years in education, we continue to thrive through our established partnership with Maris Stella Kindergarten. Founded in 1954 by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM), Maris Stella Kindergarten nurtured generations of children with the Christian values of love, faith, and hope. Since opening in 2024, SJI International Preschool has brought together the best of both traditions, blending Maris Stella's nurturing environment with the Lasallian ethos, ensuring a seamless tradition for our young learners.

Our dedicated educators are committed to creating a nurturing atmosphere that inspires curiosity and a lifelong passion for learning. We believe in fostering an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and encouraged to explore their interests and talents. Together with our engaged parent community, we strive to uphold our school's mission to Learn, Inspire, and Serve, preparing our students for future challenges with resilience and integrity.

We warmly invite you to connect with our Admissions Team to schedule a visit and experience first-hand what makes SJI International Preschool a place where every child can thrive.

We look forward to welcoming you into our inclusive and supportive community.



Elizabeth Tan FMM

Sr. Elizabeth Tan, FMM
FMM Regional Councillor
&
Board Governor
SJI International Preschool

Brother Lawrence

Brother Lawrence Humphrey, FSC
Brother President
SJI International



ABOUT SJI INTERNATIONAL PRESCHOOL

St. Joseph's Institution International Preschool, opened in 2024, is a school where love, learning, and growth intertwine.

Formerly known as Maris Stella Kindergarten, SJI International Preschool has a rich history that spans over six decades, starting with the arrival of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary Sisters in Singapore in 1953.

SJI International Preschool embraces a holistic, child-centric approach, nurturing and supporting each child's physical, social, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual growth. The curriculum is thoughtfully designed to ignite curiosity, promote critical thinking, and cultivate a lifelong love for learning.

A SCHOOL OF THE DE LA SALLE BROTHERS

While welcoming children from all backgrounds and faiths, our ethos, values and principles have a firm foundation in the Catholic faith and the tradition of the De La Salle Brothers dating back to 1680. Guided by St. John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers in the Catholic Church, the Lasallian mission extends to more than a million students in over 1,100 schools around the world.



OUR CAMPUS

SJI International Preschool is located in the heart of Singapore, nestled amidst the breathtaking natural lush greenery along Holland Road. Our campus, easily accessible by both public transport and car, offers unparalleled access to vibrant indoor and outdoor learning environments.

Our classrooms are customised with multifunctional furnishings, providing both children and educators the opportunity to create dynamic and responsive learning experiences. These thoughtfully designed spaces foster creativity, collaboration, and curiosity, offering children endless opportunities to explore and grow.

The outdoor environment offers a natural landscape teeming with a rich variety of flora, fauna, and wildlife, complemented by our innovative urban farming initiatives (including Aquaponics). This hands-on approach to sustainable living allows children to experience the 'farm to table' concept, fostering a deep connection with nature and developing an understanding of eco-friendly practices.

SJI International Preschool is intentionally designed to evoke a sense of excitement, belonging and community; a preschool where every child can thrive.

Children joining us in 2026 will enjoy the beautifully restored and sensitively renovated Shalom House building. Purposefully designed to honour the heritage and legacy of the original Maris Stella Kindergarten, established by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, this building blends its rich history with state-of-the-art facilities. It supports the latest pedagogical approaches and the developmental needs of young children, ensuring a supportive and inspiring environment for every child.

A second phase of renovation is currently underway in another area of the campus, affectionately named Santo Bambino (The Christ Child). This new facility, which is planned for completion at the end of 2026, will further enhance our beautiful Holland Road campus. Students joining in 2027 will be among the first to benefit from the complete campus, featuring two distinct state-of-the-art buildings dedicated to early childhood education. This expansion provides increased capacity and diverse learning spaces to ensure every child can thrive.



Shalom House



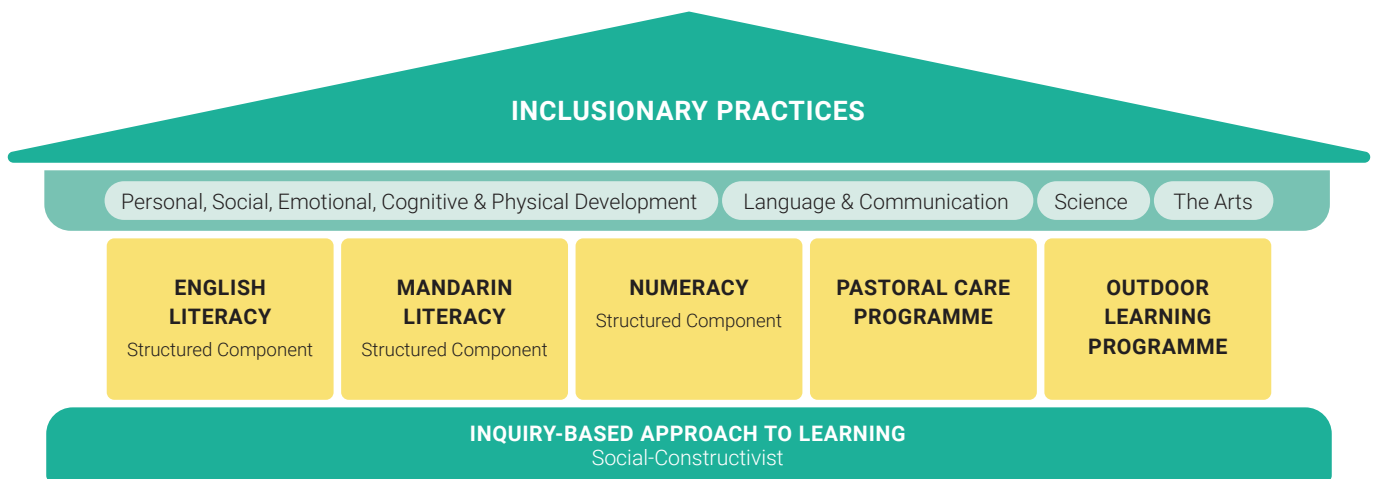
Phase 2 - Santo Bambino (The Christ Child)
Artist rendering provided for reference purposes.



Shalom House



THE PRESCHOOL LEARNING EXPERIENCE



At SJI International Preschool, the core of our curriculum follows an inquiry-based approach to learning. Inquiry learning and teaching is widely acknowledged as a highly effective approach in early childhood education; an approach that is deeply rooted in the theory of social constructivism.

At its core, social constructivism is an active social process where children construct knowledge and understanding through interactions with others and their environment. At SJI International Preschool, we emphasise the importance of collaborative exploration, dialogue, and shared meaning-making. Through our curriculum, children engage in authentic, real-world experiences where they actively construct knowledge through a process of exploration by questioning, investigating and reflecting on their findings in collaboration with their peers and educators.



THE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

At SJI International Preschool, we have developed four broad and progressive units of inquiry which follow the children from Early Years 1 through to Kindergarten 2. Each unit consists of a summary overview which is divided into year level focuses that are age and stage appropriate.

Our programme has been meticulously designed to offer children a holistic educational learning experience. SJI International Preschool has developed eight transdisciplinary learning domains that meet the expectations of both Singapore and International educational contexts. These transdisciplinary learning domains include:

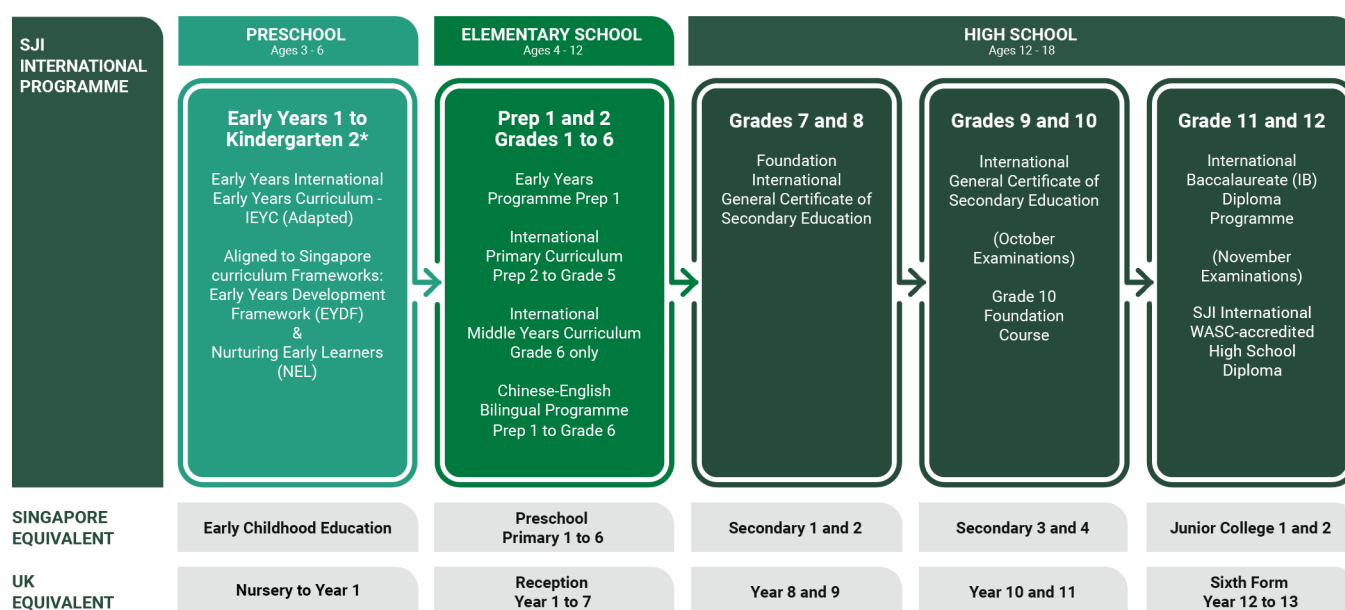
- Cognitive Development
- Language and Communication
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Science
- The Arts

Each of the learning domains has a set of specific learning strands and learning goals that follow a progressive learning continuum. Our curriculum is further strengthened by five core programme pillars:

- Bilingual Literacy:
 - English Literacy
 - Mandarin Literacy
- Numeracy
- Pastoral Care Programme
- Outdoor Learning Programme

To ensure children make developmentally appropriate progression and achieve success, we provide structured components for the pillars of English Literacy, Mandarin Literacy, and Numeracy. At SJI International Preschool, these structured components are systematic and progressive. Importantly, they are seamlessly integrated back into the children's inquiries, allowing children to apply their knowledge in diverse contexts. This approach ensures a comprehensive, cohesive and engaging learning experience for all children.

CURRICULUM PATHWAY



* Kindergarten 2 students may progress to Grade 1 Elementary School, subject to eligibility.

BILINGUAL LITERACY PROGRAMME

At SJI International Preschool, we offer a comprehensive bilingual English and Mandarin Immersion programme. Therefore, each classroom is staffed with at least one English and Mandarin speaking educator throughout the day.

Research highlights that early childhood (birth to five years) is critical for language development because children's brains are particularly receptive to absorbing new languages during this stage in development. By providing a full immersion programme in these formative years, we create a bilingual environment that allows children to authentically develop skills in both languages, supported by robust educational research.

Our bilingual programme ensures that children learn in a meaningful and engaging manner, fostering their interest and building their confidence in using English and Mandarin through their daily interactions and learning inquiries.

Given Singapore's multicultural landscape, our programme also incorporates diverse cultural elements, reflecting the varied cultural backgrounds of our preschool community. This approach promotes awareness, understanding and respect for multiculturalism and diversity.

NUMERACY PROGRAMME

At SJI International Preschool, the numeracy programme is designed to balance child-led explorations with teacher-guided learning experiences, fostering a comprehensive understanding of numeracy in young children. To provide children with a strong foundation in numeracy, learning must involve children actively engaging with and interpreting the world around them; supporting them to recognise the relevance of numeracy in their daily lives and develop the dispositions and abilities to apply numeracy skills purposefully in different contexts.

The numeracy component of the curriculum follows a structured scope and sequence, enabling children to learn, understand, and apply numeracy concepts through a developmentally progressive continuum. Numeracy concepts, skills, and language are systematically introduced through a range of developmentally appropriate experiences and pedagogical strategies.

Children are provided with ample time, support, and a variety of familiar open-ended materials to engage with teacher-guided numeracy learning experiences. By providing a well-resourced environment and authentic learning experiences that are supported by our educators, children are able to develop a deeper understanding of numeracy, enhancing their problem-solving and reasoning abilities, as well as their capacity to represent, communicate, and make connections between numeracy concepts.

By embedding the teacher-guided numeracy learning experiences back within the broader inquiry-based curriculum, we ensure that numeracy learning is not isolated but integrated into a holistic educational experience, promoting a robust numeracy foundation for young children.



PASTORAL CARE PROGRAMME

As a Lasallian Catholic preschool, pastoral care is central to our ethos and identity. Our Mission Statement calls for all of us in the SJL International Community to work together to enable our children to become people of integrity and people who show care and concern for others. The Patron Saint of Teachers and the school, St. John Baptist de La Salle, stressed the need for teachers to touch hearts.

The primary purpose of the pastoral care programme is to provide children with rich experiences to build a positive sense of self. It aims to provide the environment for children to form their own ideas about belonging, meaning and truth which prepares them for future citizenship in a contemporary and diverse society. The pastoral care programme is integrated with skills building and concepts of development across developmental domains of cognition, literacy, numeracy, technology and the arts.

The pastoral care programme is underpinned by the Virtues Project™. The 22 virtues of the preschool have been intentionally linked to the school values of Faith, Service, Community, Excellence, and Respect - this integration further supports us to highlight to families how the virtues are a core component of our preschool identity.



The virtues themselves are globally recognised and transcend religions and cultures – they are valued as characteristics we hope all global citizens will develop and portray.

Through the pastoral programme, children will know, apply and demonstrate virtues in their own lives and recognise how it can be enacted in the lives of others.



FAITH	SERVICE	COMMUNITY	EXCELLENCE	RESPECT
Thankfulness Appreciation Joyfulness Peacefulness	Friendliness Helpfulness Caring Gentleness	Unity Cooperation Flexibility	Perseverance Patience Orderliness Self Discipline Courage Confidence Creativity	Respect Courtesy Kindness Love

OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAMME

At SJI International Preschool, our Outdoor Learning Programme is underpinned by the principles of sustainability, citizenship and social responsibility aligning with Singapore's Green Plan 2030 and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Through our outdoor learning programme, children have direct, personal contact with natural world, which promotes the enjoyment of outdoor experiences and nature. Experiences like our urban farming initiatives (including Aquaponics) support personal health and well-being and provide the foundations for ecological literacy. As children interact with the world around them, they begin to reflect on healthy alternatives for everyday living and lay vital foundations for sustainability and stewardship into the future.

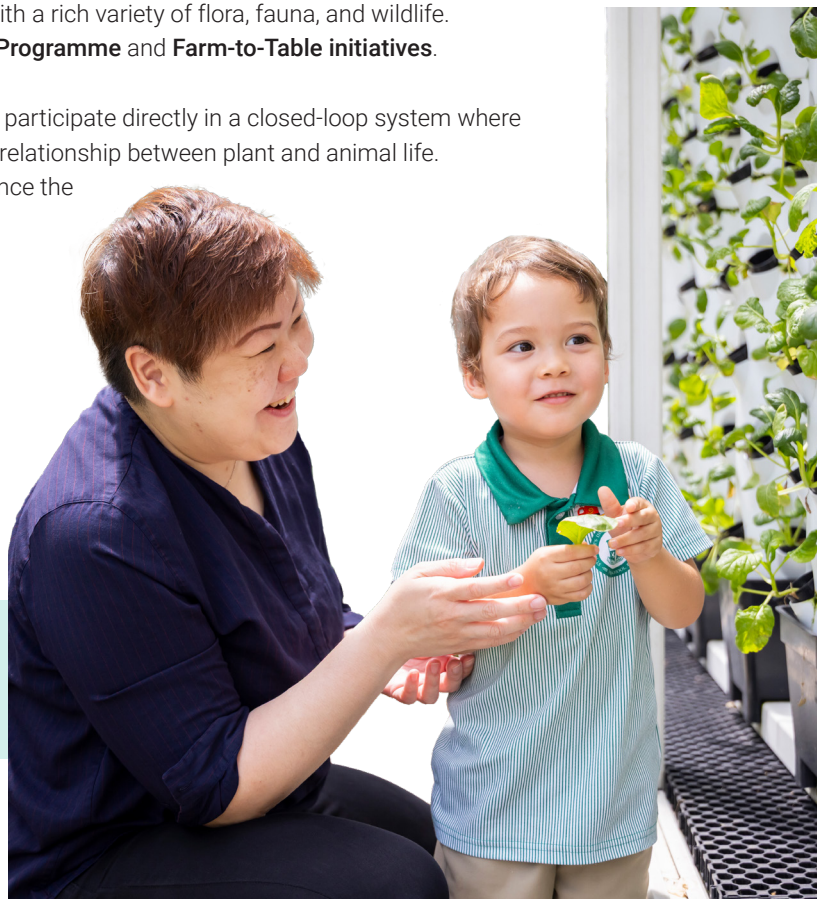
They are also provided with an abundance of immersive and sensitising experiences of the outdoor environment, and opportunities for risky play. This is crucial for developing the competence to assess risk and make sound judgements on risk management.

The outdoor programme is instrumental in the teaching of self-reliance, interdependence and leadership, fostering of an adventurous spirit, and instilling the value of life-long outdoor recreation for enjoyment, health and well-being.

Our outdoor environment offers a natural landscape teeming with a rich variety of flora, fauna, and wildlife. This is uniquely complemented by our pioneering **Aquaponics Programme** and **Farm-to-Table initiatives**.

This hands-on approach to sustainable living allows children to participate directly in a closed-loop system where they learn about water conservation, growing produce, and the relationship between plant and animal life. By engaging with the Aquaponics Programme, children experience the 'farm to table' concept, fostering a deep connection with the environment and developing an understanding of essential eco-friendly practices and resource management.

Our dedication to fostering eco-consciousness was formally recognised when SJI International Preschool received the Yellow Flame Award at the 2025 School Green Awards, organised by the Singapore Environment Council. This prestigious award validates our commitment to integrating environmental responsibility into every child's learning journey.



INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES

Our mission for learning is to enable every child to “learn how to learn” (metacognitive) and in turn, learn to live as contributing members of the community. To do this, we ensure that every child, regardless of their background or developmental stage, has the right to learn, play, and contribute meaningfully alongside their peers in preschool and in society. Our approach to inclusionary practices supports the integration of all children by recognising and valuing their individual differences from a strengths-based lens. This is evident throughout all aspects of our programmes.

Inclusive practices at SJI International Preschool are fundamental and grounded in key principles that shape effective teaching strategies. It involves adapting curricula to meet individual needs and employing flexible teaching methods to accommodate diverse learning styles and paces. We emphasise active participation in experiences for all children, fostering social inclusion. Families are integral to their child’s educational journey and are engaged consistently through meetings and regular updates, reinforcing home-school partnerships.

The goal of embedding inclusionary practices in the curriculum not only boosts academic outcomes by engaging children more deeply but also prepares them with life skills vital for thriving in a diverse society. This is essential for nurturing well-rounded individuals ready to succeed in a globalised world.



GENERAL INFORMATION

ACADEMIC YEAR

January to December, year round enrolment

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

June - 4 weeks

Nov/Dec - 6 weeks

SCHOOL HOURS (Monday to Friday)

7.00am - 7.00pm (Operational Hours)

9.00am - 5.00pm (Core Programme Hours)

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Weekends, Public Holidays and 8 Stipulated Closure Days

(6 Professional Development Days, Teacher's Day, and Children's Day)

FAQs

- **Does the Preschool offer half-day programmes?**

The Preschool only offers full-day programmes. We understand that parents may want shorter days for your child on certain days and that can be accommodated. However, the full day programme fees will still be chargeable.

- **Are there any Fee Subsidies?**

Singaporeans whose children are aged 2 to 6 in full-day enrolment, may be entitled to a monthly subsidy of \$300. Additional subsidies may apply based on a case-by-case basis, to be approved by Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA).

- **Is there a direct pathway for children in Preschool to the Elementary school?**

Children who have attended SJI International Preschool have priority admission to the Elementary school. However, this is subject to the Eligibility Criteria being met.

- **Do you provide bus transport for children?**

Yes, we do. Should you require bus transport services, you may contact our appointed provider directly to make transport arrangements.

- **Will my child have a nap in the school?**

In the full-day programme, children are expected to rest or nap between 45 to 75 mins each afternoon. Speak to us about your child's individual requirements.

- **What is the dress code for children in school?**

All children are required to wear the school uniform. Additionally, to educate our young learners about being sun smart, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun, the Preschool adopts a 'No Hat, No Play' policy.

- **Are meals served?**

Children are served breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea daily. We use a Halal-certified caterer that offers a menu planned on a quarterly basis. The Preschool adopts a 'No Nuts' policy and supports healthy eating by the Health Promotion Board.

- **What is the difference between SJI International Preschool and SJI International Elementary School?**

Both schools differ in curriculum, hours, and schedules. The Preschool offers an inquiry-based approach to learning and has extended hours with limited closures, making it ideal for working parents. The Elementary School provides a structured academic curriculum on a term-based schedule.

- **Does the Preschool accept children of all faiths and religions?**

The Preschool offers a holistic, values driven and international educational experience with a Catholic and Lasallian foundation. Our community welcomes students, teachers, parents, friends and supporters of all faiths and cultural backgrounds.

ADMISSIONS

PRESCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We can accept applications for all grade levels (as per the table below). Parents can apply as soon as a child has a valid birth certificate (starting from birth) for an enrolment into the Preschool **from the age of 2 turning 3 upwards**. We encourage all interested families to apply early and join our admissions pool due to limited availability.

We have a rolling admissions cycle and accept applications all year-round, subject to the availability of places. Interested parents can submit an application form and payment of the non-refundable Registration Fee. The Admissions team will need to sight all original application documents on campus prior to the commencement date.

Children must be residing with at least one parent who is a holder of an appropriate immigration pass. A child must hold a Dependant's Pass, a Diplomatic Passport, Singapore Citizenship, Singapore Permanent Resident Pass or a Student Pass.

For more details and enquiries, please contact our friendly staff:

admin@sjj-internationalpreschool.com.sg
(65) 6908 4520

Note for Preschool families with Elementary School and High School enquiries:

The Elementary School applies a different set of criteria and conditions for admissions in accordance with prevailing government regulations on Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents, and international students.

For Elementary School and High School enquiries, please contact the relevant team below:

Elementary School Admissions

admissions.es@sjj-international.com.sg

High School Admissions

admissions.hs@sjj-international.com.sg

EQUIVALENT GRADE IN OTHER EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

AGE OF STUDENT (Age of student turning within the year)	SJI INTERNATIONAL		SINGAPORE	UK
	PRESCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
2-3	Early Years 1	N/A	Pre-Nursery	Nursery
3-4	Early Years 2	N/A	Nursery	Nursery
4-5	Kindergarten 1	Prep 1	Kindergarten 1	Reception
5-6	Kindergarten 2	Prep 2	Kindergarten 2	Year 1

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