# Enrollment in Kindergarten and

## Kindergarten Section of Certified Childcare Centers

(yōchien nintei kodomoen (yōchien bubun) e no nyūen)

#### ■ Enrollment in Kindergarten

Kindergartens (yōchien), along with the child's household and community, are places where children cultivate the strength that becomes the foundation for the healthy development of both body and mind through group interaction. It is at these places that children are taught the basis for proper lifestyle and study habits necessary in elementary school. Applications to enter kindergarten at the beginning of the fiscal year are accepted by all kindergartens simultaneously. However, if the amount of applications exceeds the number of open spots, children will be randomly selected to take the open positions. You may enroll your child in kindergarten in the middle of the year if there is a vacant spot. For more details, please contact the kindergarten of your choice directly.

### **Eligible Children** (entering kindergarten during the 2022 fiscal year)

1-year child care (5-year-olds)

Children bom April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

2-year child care (4-year-olds)

Children bom April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

3-year child care (3-year-olds)

Children bom April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

#### Childcare Days and Times

Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) 9:00–14:30

\*\*Hours for 3-year-olds: beginning of fiscal year 9:00–11:00 (Hours of operation vary slightly by kindergarten.)

Childcare times will be extended as the child becomes accustomed to interacting in a group setting.

#### Closure Days

- Saturday, Sunday, national holidays Beginning of school year holidays: April 1st April 7th Summer holidays: July 21st August 31st
- Winter holidays: December 26<sup>th</sup> January 7<sup>th</sup> of the following year End of school year holidays: March 25<sup>th</sup> March 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Documents Necessary for Enrollment at Kindergarten Facilities

- Application for Kindergarten Admission
- ② Application for Certificate of Eligibility for Schooling and Daycare
- ③ Personal Number (My Number) Declaration Form (kojin bangō shinkokusho)
  When submitting the documents, you will need (i) the guardian's My Number Card or equivalent and (ii) the driver's license or equivalent of the person who came to the service counter
- \*\*Those who wish to also use temporary childcare services free of charge must also provide the following documents.

Fees for temporary childcare during the period of your Certification of Need for Childcare will be waived.

- 4 Application to Certify/Change Financial Support for Use of Childcare Facilities (kosodate no tame no shisetsutō riyō kyūfu nintei shinseisho)
- \*\*One application is needed for each child.
- (5) Documents certifying need for child care (please submit for both parents).
- \* Please see page 34 for a list of reasons for officially recognized need for childcare.

#### ■ Application for Kindergarten for the 2023 Fiscal Year

For enrollment from April 2023, childcare facilities will distribute application documents starting from the end of October 2022, and will accept applications starting in mid-November.

### ■ Classes for Children Under 3 Years Old Not Enrolled in Childcare

There are certain kindergartens and certified childcare centers that offer classes to children currently not enrolled in childcare and their guardians. Please consult with the kindergartens directly for more information.

Inquiries

For more information on municipal kindergartens in Izumo, please contact:

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