

The Application Guide for Childcare Facilities and Services in Yoshida Town
from FY 8th Year of Reiwa (April 1, 2026~March 31, 2027)



Parents/guardians who want to enroll children to nursery schools or services, please refer this guideline for details.

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■ Important matters concerning application

Please prepare all the necessary documents and submit them once during the application period.

If there are any missing information or any shortage of required documents, your application will not be accepted, and you will be asked to bring them home and submit them once when you have already.

Table of Class Ages for childcare facilities and services enrollment (FY2026)

Class Ages Will be decided on the age as of April 1st. Even if your child has a birthday during the fiscal year, class ages for your child will not be changed.

Class	Applicant child's date of birth		
Age 0 class	April 2, 2025 (R7)~		
Age 1 class	April 2, 2024 (R6)	~	April 1, 2025 (R7)
Age 2 class	April 2, 2023 (R5)	~	April 1, 2024 (R6)
Age 3 class	April 2, 2022 (R4)	~	April 1, 2023 (R5)
Age 4 class	April 2, 2021 (R3)	~	April 1, 2022 (R4)
Age 5 class	April 2, 2020 (R2)	~	April 1, 2021 (R3)

■ 慣らし保育(/Narashi Hoiku/Adapting period for children to start setting well in childcare) and the expected date for admission (Revised from FY 8 Year of Reiwa (FY2026).

The childcare service will start from few hours~a half day in the beginning depending on the difference of child's age and personal characteristics, approximately 3 weeks after admission, it will be changed to 1 day childcare.

It is possible to make a application for the first date admission of the month before return to work date (or the employment date) as the expected date for admission. Moreover, the Narashi Hoiku (a-half day childcare) will be charged the regular amount for the first month.

(Example)	The date for return to work (or the date for employment)	The expected date for admission is possible on	Application period
	June 1, 2025	May 1, 2025	Please refer to page 6
	June 30, 2025	May 1, 2025	

※It is unable for admission within the middle of month.

(Example) The municipal nursery schools schedule for Narashi Hoiku (adjustment period for childcare)

First week	from	9:00 AM	to	11:00 AM	2 Hours childcare
Second week	from	9:00 AM	to	12:00 Noon	3 Hours childcare
Third week	from	9:00 AM	to	3:00 PM	6 Hours childcare
Fourth week	from	8:15 AM	to	4:15 PM	Regular childcare

- Narashi Hoiku (adapting period in childcare) is depending on child's situation (such as development, growth etc.) and family circumstances, if you have any concerns, please consult with your desired facility.
- Details concerning the Narashi Hoiku schedule of small-scale childcare facility vary depending on the facilities, please contact with facilities directly for more details.

■ Shokibo Hoikujo/Small-scale Childcare Facilities

- Small-scale childcare facilities are relatively small facilities with a capacity of 6~19 children that are eligible for children aged 4months ~ 2 years, provide home-like and attentive childcare that is taking advantage of the small scale.
- The childcare fee is the same as municipal childcare fee. There are additional costs such as extending childcare fee, childcare supplies of actual expenses etc. vary depending on facilities, so please consult with the facility directly for details.
- Each small-scale facility has a designated partner school. Children who have graduated from the small-scale childcare facilities will be given priority to enroll the partner schools. Moreover, in the case that children who want to enroll other nursery facilities rather than partner schools, they will be given the extra points for the screening and can utilize nursery facilities as possible on prior base.

Name of facility	Kuro-ba-(Clover) Nursery School	Hoikujo Guro-Apu (Grow Up) Yoshida-En	Puti Yoshida-En	Guryukkulihi (Glücklich) Nursery School
Designated partner school	Suzuki Kindergarten	Sumire Nursery School Wakaba Nursery School	Wakaba Nursery School	Sumire Nursery School

■ Important matters concerning the extension procedures of the payment period of childcare benefits

If you cannot enroll your child in nursery and want to apply for childcare leave extension, you can make copies of documents etc. as requirements for the other procedures concerning childcare leave benefits etc. before submission to town office. Please consult with your employee and Hello work for the procedures.

■ Employment Certificate

The format of employment certificate has been revised from Fiscal year 2026.

The form can be download from Town Official website as following process;

Yoshida Town Office official website → Menu → Child-rearing Support → Nursery School

- Please make copies of the employment certificate before submission which can be also used for the procedures of after school children club application, kindergarten enrollment application, and the notification of current status (現況届/Genkyo Todoke) if you need.
- The expiration date of employment certificate is 3 months in value later than the issued date.

■ Concerning dealing with personal information

Your personal information on the application documents will be used only for the screening, and will not be used for other purpose.

■ Frequently Q&A concerning enrollment application

The frequently questions concerning utilization of childcare facilities and application procedures have been upload at town website, please check it by scanning the QR code as below.



1 Eligibility for enrollment

■ Target children for application

In order to use the childcare facilities and services, parents/guardians whose circumstance cannot take care of child/children at home, must fall under one of reasons as below((1)~(9)).

Concerning the certificate of requirements of childcare, **not only for child/children's parents but also for all family members whose age under 65years old with the same address (regardless of the separation of household on the resident registry) need to submit the employment certificate.**

※If any relative does not submit the employment certificate other than parents, the order of priority for the enrollment screening will be lower.

Reasons for requiring childcare	Guardians' circumstances	The period of validity for receiving childcare service
(1) Employment	Working at least 64 hours per month	The duration of employment
(2) Before or after giving birth	During pregnancy or shortly after giving birth (Prenatal ・ Postnatal period)	From the first day of the month 6 weeks prior to the due date until the last day of the month 8 weeks after delivery
(3) Diseases ・ disability	Illness or physical/mental disability	Until the date when childcare could be provided at home
(4) Nursing ・ Care for family member	Nursing/care of family member at the same household who has been hospitalized for a long time.	Until the need to nursing ・ care ceases
(5) Disaster relief	In the process of restoration from damage deriving from earthquake, windstorm, flood, fire etc..	Until the restoration process ends
(6) Job seeking	Seeking employment continuously (including set up a company).	Three months
(7) Attending school	Attending school including attending vocational- training school for receiving vocational training.	The period of attending school
(8) Abuse ・ Domestic Violence	The risk of child abuse ・ domestic violence.	Duration deemed necessary
(9) Childcare leave	only for the enrolled children ※ New-entry application is unacceptable	Up to the last day of March in the year in which the newborn turns 1year old ※ The children in 5 year old class are accepted to use continuously

« Note » If the reason requiring childcare is "(2) Before or after giving birth", the child will become a target of withdrawing from the nursery facility principally after the period of validity. However, the extension of childcare service is possible if the change of the reason is from (2) Before or after giving birth to the other reason(except (9))mentioned above, and the procedure is completed .

■ The number of applicants to be recruited

Nursery facilities have the number of applicants accepted. If your desired nursery facility has reached the capacity limit, your application will be accepted, but you need to wait until a vacancy is available due to a child withdrawing from the school. In the case that you have listed multiple nursery schools on the application form. the most acceptable school will be chosen for you for admission screening.

■ The utilization adjustment (system) of nursery facilities admission

Base on family circumstances, admission determination will be given to the children with high necessity requiring childcare. Details concerning the necessity required childcare, the standard points etc. please refer to page 15 and 16.

2 給付認定/Kyufunitei/Certify the need for childcare

When using a childcare facility and service, it is necessary to be certified for the reasons that require childcare based on the classification according to the age of the child, parent's work situation and the required amount of childcare etc. Guardian need to do the procedure of authorization application at the municipal office of your residence. Whenever if you transfer to a new city from previous city, the authorization application is required.

◆ 認定区分/Nintei Kubun/ Certification category

Education・Childcare Benefit Certification category	Eligible children	Time of use / Style of use	Main types of facilities available
Tpye 1 Certification	Preschool children aged 3 years ~	4 hours /per day (Education Standard Hours) (Main types smilar to Kindergarten)	Kindergarten Authorized Kodomo-en (Childcare facilities)
Tpye 2 Certification		up to 11 hours max/per day 【 Standard childcare hours】 or	Nursery School・Kindergarten Authorized Kodomo-En
Tpye 3 Certification	Children aged less than 3 years	up to 8 hours /per day 【Short childcare Hours】 (Main types smilar to nursery school)	Nursery School Authorized Kodomo-en Small Scale Childcare Facility etc.

◆ The required amount of childcare (Childcare time)

Concerning the required amount of childcare, it is divided into 『 Standard Childcare Hours 』 and 『Short Childcare Hours』 . Depending on the category, the childcare hours of usage will be different. The regular childcare Time starts from 8:15to 16:15, (each childcare facility is different) please refer to "page 1 "and confirm the childcare time provided by each childcare facility from the school list.

The certified hours offer the maximum available time slop. Please use the facility based on the actual hours is needed (working hours + commute hours) , and promptly pick up your child as early as possible even if it falls within the certified hours.

Short Childcare Hours	・ Working regularly for at least 64 hours ~less than 120 hours /one month ※The reason of "job seeking" and "childcare leave" will be certified as a 『short childcare hours』
Standard Childcare Hours	・ Working regularly for at least 120 hours or more/one month ※Even the working hours are less than 120 hours one month, we will take your commute hours into consideration and offer 『Standard childcare hours』 under certain circumstances.

(Example) In case of municipal nursery school

7:30	8:15	16:15	18:30	19:00
※Extended Childcare Hours	Regular Childcare Hours (8 hours)		※Extended Childcare Hours	
	Short Childcare Hours (8 hours)			
Standard Childcare Hours (11 hours)				

※Extended childcare hours services fee will be charged, vary depending on the childcare (nursery) facilities.

For more details, please consult with your desired school beforehand.

3 Application for the admission from 1st April, 2026 (R8)

Please prepare all the necessary documents and submit them once during by the application deadline. Moreover, admission permission is not first come, first served.

(1) Application for the first screening

Distribution period	Distribution date: September 16 (Tuesday), 2025~ (except Sat. Sun. and national holidays) 8:15am to 5:00pm
	Distribution site: Children Future Division, Nursery schools, Small-Scale Childcare facilities (The application form could be downloaded from Yoshida Town Official Website)
Application period	Period: September 16 (Tuesday), 2025~October 20 (Monday), 2025 Weekdays only (8:15am to 5:00pm)
Submission location	- Newly -entry application → Children Future Division - Sibling has already enrolled → Enrolled school (facility)
A child-parent interview	Date: October 26 (Sunday), 2025 at nursery facilities Detailed information will be provided when application. ※ A child-parent interview is not eligible for the applicant child who wish to enroll in a small-scale childcare facility or other municipal nursery facility outside of town, even his/her Sibling has enrolled in Yoshida Town municipal nursery facility.
Note	Application (for the second screening) after the above application period may be possible, however, please note that the quota of your desired school may be filled by the time.
Notification of result	Notification of result will be send by post in the early February, 2027.

※ No service for childcare facilities application procedure or application form distribution on Sunday operation days,

(2) Application for second screening

If the number of applicants accepted in the first screening is insufficient, or if vacancies arise due to candidates declining offers, a second screening of selection will be conducted.

Application period	Date: October 21 (Tuesday), 2025~February 27 (Friday), 2026 Weekdays only (8:15am to 5:00pm)
Submission location	Children Future Division
A child-parent interview	Any operation day. Detailed information will be provided when application. ※ It is not eligible for the applicant child who wish to enroll a small-scale childcare facility or other municipal nursery facility outside of town, even his/her Sibling has enrolled in Yoshida Town municipal nursery facility.
Notification of result	Notification of result will be send by post in the early March, 2027.

(3) Note

- ① Every child needs to fill out an application form as the requirement.
- ② In principle, it is not to be acknowledged to change your desired school after application.
So, please make a full consideration to choose your desired school beforehand.
- ③ Regarding to the acceptance of childcare less than one year old baby, whose developmental condition and weaning state etc. will be confirmed as additional admission qualification, and screened individually. Depending on the growth and weaning condition at the time of entry, we cannot give a guarantee that your child /children will be enrolled.

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4 Application period for the admission from May,2026 and latter are as follows

A table concerning application period etc. for the admission from May, 2026 or later as below. Please strictly observe the submission deadline, because if you could not make up for the lack of documents or submit by deadline, your child will not be eligible for screening, therefore it is strongly recommended that you begin to application process as earlier as you can.

A table for application period etc.

Admission month	Application period	Admission month	Application period
May, 2026	March 2 ~ March 31	November, 2026	September 1 ~ September 30
June, 2026	April 1 ~ April 30	December, 2026	October 1 ~ October 30
July, 2026	May 1 ~ May 29	January, 2027	November 2 ~ November 30
August, 2026	June 1 ~ June 30	February, 2027	December 1 ~ December 28
September, 2026	July 1 ~ July 31	March, 2027	January 4, 2027 ~ January 29, 2027
October, 2026	August 3 ~ August 31		

5 Matters to be confirmed regarding application

(1) Application

- Admission date is the first day of the month. (Mid-month admission is not available.)
- Applications documents which you submitted for the 2026 school year enrollment will remain valid until March 2027. Monthly re-applications are not required. In addition, please inform us of any changes to your application details as they occur.
- Concerning the selection (screening) result, if your child is unable to enroll the childcare facility, 『保育所等利用保留通知書/Hoikujiyo Nado Riyo Horyu Tsuchisho (Notification of suspension of approval)』 will be sent to you only for the fist-time application . Re-apply procedures for next screening are not required.
- Children Future Division will only contact you by phone if admission becomes possible within the subsequent months.

(2) Application for those planning to work, or returning to work after childcare leave

- Those who can enroll their children on the condition that they must start to work or return to work by the end of following month after enrollment (or earlier).
- After admission, please submit pay slip etc. within one month which could prove the beginning date of employment as the requirement. In addition, if there are any differences between employment certificate and the reality such as work place, working hours, and the date of starting (returning) to work etc., the child's enrollment will be discontinued.

(3) Others

- Please confirm with childcare facility about the childcare operation days.
For the reason to reduce the school food waste, municipal childcare facility will confirm with parent/guardian about the expected date for childcare service provided on Saturdays, Summer vocation, year-end and new-year holidays.
- Children with food allergy, underlying disease, or requiring for Hara meals etc., please contact with childcare facility beforehand.



6 Application for childcare facilities insides or outsides of Yoshida Town

(1) Those who currently reside outside of town, want to apply childcare facilities in Yoshida Town

Application site	The municipal office where you currently reside	Concerning application procedure, please consult with the Childcare Division in the municipal office which you currently reside beforehand.
Application deadline	Admission from April, 2026 →Deadline:October 20, 2025 Admission from May, 2027~ →Please refer to page 6 "A Table of Application Period"	Applications must reach us no later than the deadline (please refer to page 6)
Necessary documents	A full set of requested documents which you confirmed with Yoshida Town beforehand.	Those who plan to move in to Yoshida Town, please submit 「転入に関する申立書/Tenyu Ni Kan Suru Moshitade Sho/Application related relocation」 in Yoshida Town format and submit to Yoshida Town office.(* This form can be downloaded from Yoshida Town official website).
Precaution	Those who are planning to move in Yoshida Town, must complete the relocation procedures by the month prior to admission and reapply for benefits certification at Children Future Division located at the fifth floor of Yoshida Town Office.	

(2) Those who currently reside in Yoshida Town, want to apply childcare facilities outside of Town

Those who currently reside in Yoshida Town, want to apply childcare facilities outside of Town, please consult with the childcare division of municipality which your desired childcare facility located at about the necessary documents and procedures in advance.

Application location	Children Future Divion, Yoshida Town ※If you want to apply for authorized childcare facility (nursary schools, small-scale childcare facilities)	If you want to aply for an authorized Kodomoen (Kindergarten Department) or Kindergarten, pleaes contact the school directly for details.
Application deadline	Pleae confirm with the municipality which your desired school located in.	If you want to send your applications by post to the municipal which your desired school located, please send all the documents once at least one week before the deadline.
Necessary documents	A full set of requested documents which you confirmed with the municipality where your desired school located in before application.	Please use the forms in Yoshida Town format for application.
Precaution	Please understand that applications involving relocation will be prioritized for residents of that municipality. Additionally, notification of the selection result may be delayed.	



7 Documents required for application

Please submit the following documents to municipal nursery school or small-scale childcare facility as below.

(1) Documents required for all applicants

No.	Content		Newly- entry	Continuously		
①	施設型給付費・地域型保育給付費等教育・保育給付認定申請書兼保育利用申込書 An application form (application for Education・Childcare Certification・Use of Childcare Facility) and applicatio for certification grant and application for admission		One form per child			
②	同居以外の祖父母の状況 Circumstance of gradparents who live seperately		One form per child			
③	世帯状況等調査票 Household circumstance questionnaire		One form per child			
④	園児の状況調査票 Child's circumstance questionnaire	One form per child Write down anything as far as you are genuinely concerned regarding your child's growth and development.				
⑤	アレルギー調査票 Food allergy questionnaire		One form per child			
⑥	保育園でよく提供する食品一覧表 List of School Food		One form per child			
⑦	Documents that prove the reasons for requiring childcare	Parents' documents are necessary Family members whose age under 65 years old with the same address (regardless of the separation of household on the resident registry) need to submit the documents. ※If any relative does not submit the documents other than parents, the order of priority for the enrollment screening will be lower.				
		Employment	就労証明書(SHURO SHOMEI SHO/Employment Certificate) that was created within 3 months prior to the date of submission.) ※Yoshida Town format. Those who are self-employed etc. ➡ Please submit a copy of the latest year "確定申告"(KAKUTEI SHINKOKU/Tax Return Form). Those who are setting up a new company ➡ please submit a copy of "開業届" (KAIGYO TODOKE/the notification of starting a personal business issued by Tax Office) Those who have a side job ➡ Please submit the copies of pay slips for nearest 3 months)			
		Before・After giving birth	Copies of the pages in "母子手帳"(BOSHI TECHO/Maternity and Child Health Handbook) that have description of the expected date of birth and parents' name are required.			
		Job seeking	求職活動支援機関等利用証明書・求職活動等申告書及び同意書 (A document that supports your job activity from Hello Work or other institutions.) ※Yoshida Town format			
		Disease・Disability	診断書 (SHINDAN SHO/Medical Certificate) that have description of the difficult situation for childcare, name of the disease, the period of time for medical treatment etc.			
		Nursing・care	A petition (Yoshida Town Format), Copy of Nursing Care Insurance Card (Certificate) or Nursing Care Plan.			
		Disaster relief	Disaster Certificate			
		School attendance	Certificate of enrollment・A cope of Student Identification Card・Curriculum schedule			

※ Necessary documents can also be used for the entrance to the 「Children Club after school」
(please submit a copy if entering a children club after school.)

(2) Documents required for applicants who fall under any of the following case as below

1	Single parent household (For newly-entry child only)	- Original or copy of "戸籍謄本"(KOSEKI TOHON/ Family register) - A certificate from Family Court or lawyer are required when parents request divorce arbitration.
2	Parents living together with applicant child (If parent or applicant child obtains a disability certificate.)	A Physical Disability Certificate, a Medical Rehabilitation Handbook, or a Mental Disability Certificate.
3	Parents lived outside of Japan with their child/ children as of January 1,2023 and were Tax-exempted.	Overseas earned income certificate 【Documents or withholding slips showing annual income and deduction amount of 2022 issued by company.】
4	Those who plan to transfer to Yoshida Town as of (application) submission date	A petition against moving-in to Yoshida Town.(Yoshida Town Format), house/apartment rental contract or sales contract.

5 Schedule for process (from application to enrollment)

For April,2026 enrollment

① Application (1st screening)

Requirements	- One set of application documents - Resident Card or Driving License etc. - for those who submitted documents
Submission period	September 16 (Tue)~October 20(Mon), 2025. (Weekdays only) 8:15am~5:00pm
Application site	Each school or Child Future Division ※Please note that if you could not make up for the lack of documents or submit by deadline, your child will not be eligible for the 1st screening.

② A child-parent-interview

Requirements	None
Date of Interview	October 26 (Sunday), 2025
Interview venue	Detailed information will provide when application.
Matters to be confirmed at the interview	Regarding the content of your submission documents such as desired school, child and family structure etc.

③ Notification of determinable result

Concerning the notification of the screening result, 『Notice of decision of certification』, 『Certificate of need for childcare』 and 『Certificate of use of childcare facilities and services』 will be sent by post. If your child is unable for admission on waiting list, 『Notification of suspension of approval』 will be sent to you.	
Notification period	Early February, 2026.

④ In the case where enrollment approval

A notification concerning brief session (orientation) will be sent to you by nursery school.

⑤ Admission

After admission, please submit pay slips etc which could prove the beginning of employment

④ In cases on waiting list

◆ The application of the second screening is possible

Application deadline:

→Feb. 27, 2026

Notification of result:

→Early March, 2026

※ If the number of applicants accepted in the first screening is insufficient, or if vacancies arise due to candidates declining offers, a second screening of selection will be conducted.

④ The admission screening for May ~

Application from May, 2026 ~enrollment

① Year-round application

Requirements	- One set of application documents - Residence Card or Driving License etc. (for those who submitted documents)
Submission deadline	The last day (weekday only) of 2 months before the expected month for admission.
Submission site	Children Future Division (5 F, Yoshida Town Hall)

② Notification for the results of screening by phone

Notification period	Before the tenth next month of submission month. (All the applicants will be notified about the result by phone.)
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③ In the case where enrollment approval

『Notice of decision of certification』, 『Certificate of need for childcare』 and 『Certificate of use of childcare facilities and services』 will be sent by post.

③ In cases on waiting list

『Notification of suspension of approval』 will be sent by post only for the first time application.

④ Orientation

Make a personal reservation with the designated facility beforehand for the date of a child-parent interview, orientation, procedure etc..

④ The screening after next month~ within the fiscal year

Children Future Division will contact you by phone in the case that enrollment is possible

⑤ Admission

After admission, please submit pay slip etc. within one month which could prove the beginning of employment.



9 The "保育料/Hoiku Ryo(Nursery/childcare fee)" for applicants to afford

(1) The method of determined nursery fees(please refer to " The list of monthly nursery fees set by Yoshida

A level set of childcare fees are based upon factors such as the authorized category (No2 ・ No3), the age of child and the use of time, and are determined by the income-based rate of tax of each household. In principle, the childcare fees will be calculated based on parents' Inhabitant Tax. If child's parents are tax exempted, the childcare fee will be calculated base on grandparents or relatives who have higher income at the same home.

◎ Concerning children's education and childcare fee free of charge

Hoiku Ryo (childcare fees) for children aged 3 years old (youngest class /Nensyo kumi)~5 years old (the oldest class/Nencho kumi) are free of charge. For residence-tax-exempt -household with children aged 0~2 years old also are free.

- In the case that the child will turn to 3 years old during this fiscal year, the Certification category will change from 3 to 2, however, the childcare fee will not change as Certification category 3 within this fiscal year .
- No matter what type of childcare facilities (nursery school or small-scale childcare facility etc.), the childcare fees are the same.
- In the event we are unable to confirm your status of taxation from other municipal institutions based on my number system, you may be required to submit taxation certificate.
- If child's parents are tax exempted due to failure to file taxes, the childcare fee will be assessed in the highest applicable bracket.
- Those who were transferred to an overseas position and took their family are tax-exempted in Japan, need to submit Income Certificate (**pay slip etc.**) issued by company and Japanese translation. (※Foreign earned income needs to be converted to Japanese Yen.)

(2) The calculation time of childcare fee

Notification for the decision of Hoiku Ryo (childcre fee) will be distributed on April and September (twice of a year). Concerning parents'/ guardians' taxable income has been changed due to an amended tax return, therefore childcare fees will be recalculated. If the classification (level) of childcare fees based on household with tax amount is also changed, the new fee will need to be paid for current fiscal year (for the period from September to March).

Nursery fee of Fiscal Year 2026 (from April 2026~March 2027)

Apr. 2026	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 2027	Feb. 2027	Mar. 2027
Childcare fees from April to August are determined by the previous fiscal year (2025/the 7th year of Reiwa) taxation.					Childcare Fees from September 2026 to March 2027 are base on 2026 Fiscal Year (the 8th year of Reiwa) taxation.						

(3) Reduction the burden of childcare fee

For households with multiple children and single-parent households, the childcare fees can be reduced or exempted. In the case that siblings using childcare at the same time, the childcare fees are reduced by half for the 2nd child and exempted for the 3rd child and subsequent siblings.

(4) Extended hours of childcare

Fee for extended Hours of childcare will be charged when the upper limit of usage hours is exceeded. (Extension fee is different from each school)

(5) The expenses rather than childcare fee need to be afforded

The expenses of school supplies, extension childcare fee etc. rather than childcare fee need to be afforded. For detailed information, please confirm with each facility beforehand.

(6) Other

In the case that childcare fee payment is delinquent, the payment may be deducted from child allowance.

10 副食費 (Fukusyoku-Hi /School lunch fee)

- School lunch fees for children aged 0 to 2years old are included in the nursery fees.
- Parents/guardians need to afford lunch cost for children aged 3years old (the Nensyo Kumi) ~5 years old (Nencyou Kumi) .
- There is an exemption of lunch cost for children from households with annual incomes of less than JP¥3,600,000, and for all the 3rd child and subsequent siblings (regardless of households income.

11 Matters need to be attended after admission

(1) Concerning the procedure of changing the need for childcare.

If there are any changes after being using the childcare facility and service as below, the procedure is required. (You need to submit the "Notification of Change" along with necessary documents to the school or Children Future Division.

- when the "reasons for requiring childcare have change.
(e.g., from job seeking to employment; from employment to pregnancy · delivery; from employment to disease · disability; from pregnancy · delivery to childcare leave.)
- When residential address has changed.
- When circumstances of child's household have changed. (e.g., marriage, divorce, birth of sibling, grandparents' cohabitation, change in number of family members living together)
- When working conditions have changed. (e.g., place of employment, working hours, period of employment etc.)
- When parent who applied during childcare leave returns to work, or changes the date of returning to work.
- When a current member of the household obtains or forfeits a disability certificate.
- When the amount of requiring childcare has changed. (e.g., from short childcare hours ⇔ standard childcare hours)

(2) Concerning withdrawal from childcare facilities and service

- In the following cases of parent/guardian, the child's enrollment will be discontinued.
If a change in family circumstances means you no longer meet the "reason" requiring childcare, you will be subject to withdrawal. Please complete withdrawal procedures at the facility where your child is enrolled.
- If a parent ceases employment and this state continues for three months, also if this state is discovered without prior notification to the Children Future Division.
- In the case that you leave your job due to the reason of giving birth. However If you submit the necessary documents to the school or Children Future Division concerning the reason of requiring childcare has changed from "employment" to "pregnancy · delivery". then, you can continuously use the childcare facility and service for your child, the Period of validity for receiving childcare service is from eight weeks before expected date of birth to the last day of the month in which the following day of eight weeks after giving birth is.)

- In case that you plan to move out from Yoshida Town to other city, your child can stay until the end of month as the same month of transfer date. If you wish to continue using childcare facility after the month following your transfer (with the first day of the month as the admission date) in other city/town, please consult and complete the procedure at your new residence.
- If your child has not attended to childcare facility more than one month with a valid reason.
- If there is childcare fee payment delinquent, your child may become unable to continuously attend the childcare facility.

(3) 現況届(Genkyo Todoke/Current Status Notification)

In the following cases of parent's situation, the child's enrollment will be discontinued.

- After admission, **it is necessary to submit the Genkyo Todoke (Current Status Notification) within September ~October annually.** For the reason to prove the needs for childcare, you will be requested to notify the current status. If you do not submit the documents, or the documents could not prove the certain reason of the needs for childcare, your child will be asked to leave the school.
- If it has been discovered that parent/guardian does not have the record of working for three months or more.
- If working hours are less than 64 hours one month.
- If there is a falsehood in the contents of the application and employment certification, the application will be void.

12 Other childcare Services

(1) Temporary childcare Service

This service provides temporary childcare for families with preschool-aged children when parents suddenly need to work, are hospitalized, or have family events such as wedding or funeral, making it difficult to care for their children at home.

Items	Detailed information		
Implementatn Site (Inquiries・Application)	Yoshida Town Municipal Sumire(Violet) Nursery School Tel:(0548) 32-1117		
Eligibility	Children aged 9 months to preschool age who are not receiving certified childcare benefits.		
Operation Hours	Monday~Friday 8:00am~5:00pm (※Except national holidays, new year holidays)		
Childcare Usage Fee	First 4 hours JP¥1,000 If childcare exceeding 4 hours, an additional JP¥250 will be charged for each additional hour ※Lunch fees are separated.		
Application deadline	By the end of month preceding the desired date of use※Consultation is required when emergency.		
Childcare Period of usage	① Irregular childcare	Infants and toddlers whose care at home becomes intermittently difficult due to parents' employment, vocational training or schooling, etc.	Three days/ one week
	② Emergency childcare	Infants and toddlers whose parents or guardians are temporary unable to provide child care at home due to the reasons such as illness, hospitalization, disaster, accident, childbirth, nursing care, or family ceremonies	15 Days
	③ Childcare due to personal reasons etc.	Infants and toddlers whose parents or guardians find difficult to care of their children at home due to the reasons such as alleviating mental or physical burdens associated with childcare.	One day/ one week

(2) Childcare for pre-school children recovering from injury or illness

This is a project that temporarily takes care of pre-school children who are recovering from injuries or illness.

Usage flow

- ① Contact with Sumire Nursery School at least one day before the expected date for using childcare
- ② Visit your primary doctor and have the physician fill out the 「利用連絡票/Riyo Renraku Hyo (Usage Contact Form) 」 stating that your child's injury or illness has recovered. (※Usage Contact Form will be charged.)
- ③ Apply for the use of the convalescent care room after recovering from injury or illness.

Items	Detailed information
Implementation place (Inquiries・application location)	Yoshida Town Municipal Sumire Nursery School Tel:(0548)-32-1117
Eligible children	Children residing in the town, aged 9 months to preschool age, who meet both of the following conditions ① In the recovery phase of an illness or injury, making group childcare difficult ② Difficulty with home childcare due to parental work or other circumstances
Target disease	Indigestion, (water) blister, rubella, (bone) fracture, etc.
Usage fee	JP¥1000/per day (※excluding meals expenses)
Operation hours etc.	Monday～Friday 8:15～17:00 (※except national holidays, year-end & new-year holidays)

■ List of Nursery Schools in Yoshida Town

Operated by	Name of facility	Address	Capacity	Eligible Children Aged	Short Time Childcare Service	Standard Time Childcare Service	Max. Extended Childcare Service	Temporary childcare Service	Childcare Service for children after illness
		Contact Information							
Yoshida Town	Sumire Nursery School	Kawashiri 791 32-1117	180	9months ~ 5years	8:15~ 16:15	7:30~ 18:30	7:30~ 19:00	○	○
	Sakura Nursery School	Sumiyoshi 1621-1 32-0414	120	10months ~ 5years				-	-
	Sayuri Nursery School	Kataoka 805-1 32-1650	130					-	-
	Wakaba Nursery School	Kando 2092-1 32-0016	160					-	-

● Childcare service provided on Sundays will be conduct a joint childcare at Sumire Nursery School. Operation hours:7:30am～6:30pm. Regarding the application procedure, please contact with each nursery school.

Kyara Co., Ltd.	Kuro-ba-(Clover) Nursery School	Kataoka 855-1 33-0099	15	8 months ~2 years	8:15~ 16:15	7:30~ 18:30	7:30~ 19:00	○	-
Guro-Apu Co.,Ltd.	Hoikujo Guro-Apu (Grow Up) Yoshida-En	Kataoka 2408-1 23-3558	18	4 months ~ 2 years	8:30~ 16:30	7:30~ 18:30	7:30~ 18:30	-	-
Pettsu Co., Ltd.	Puti Yoshida-En	Kando 651-8 23-3988	19	7 months ~2 years	8:30~ 16:30	7:30~ 18:30	7:30~ 18:30	○	-
Riasu Co., Ltd.	Guryukkulihi (Glücklich) Nursery School	Kawashiri 778-5 23-3345	19	6 months ~2 years	8:30~ 16:30	7:30~ 18:30	7:00~ 20:00	○	-

● Childcare service provided on Sundays is available at each facility, please contact the facility directly for more details.

◎ For your reference, please scan each kindergarten QR code as below.

Municipal Nursery Schools	Kuro-ba-(Clover) Nursery School	Hoikujo Guro-Apu (Grow Up) Yoshida-En	Puti Yoshida-En	Guryukkulihi(Glücklich) Nursery School
				

13 kindergarten enrollment

(1) Kindergarten application

Application forms are distributed by and submitted to the kindergarten you wish to us, for details, please contact the kindergarten directly.

(2) Regarding Free kindergarten enrollment

All children aged 3 to 5 years old are eligible for free enrollment up to ¥25,700 per month. However, actual expenses (such as transportation fees on days with pick up/drop-off, meals costs, event fees, etc.) are not covered.

※ Kindergarten fees and actual expenses vary by kindergarten, so please confirm directly with your desired kindergarten.

(3) About kindergarten after-school childcare/預かり保育/Azukari Hoiku

If there is a "need for childcare", after-school childcare (Azukari Hoiku) will also be free of charge. When using a kindergarten after -school childcare, it is necessary to be certified by Yoshida Town Office for the reasons that requiring childcare. Please confirm with kindergarten for details.

After-school childcare fee for all children aged 3 to 5 years old, will be covered up to ¥11,300 per month. (1day/JP¥450), and for residence-tax-exempt-households with children aged 3 years old will be covered up to JP¥16,300 per month.

Parents will continue to pay the after-school childcare fee at the kindergarten. By submitting an attendance record application, the portion of the fee covered by the subsidy will be reimbursed to the parent by Yoshida Town Office.

※ Reimbursement occurs four times per year. Application methods will be announced through the town or the kindergarten.

(4) 副食費 (Fukusyoku Hi /Lunch fee)

There is an exemption of lunch cost for children from households with annual incomes less than JP¥3,600,000. Additional, if the households with first child who is an elementary student in the third grade, the 3rd child and subsequent siblings may be possible for the exemption of lunch cost, for more details, please contact with kindergarten directly.※ The staple food

■ List of Kindergartens in Yoshida Town

Operated by	Name of facility	Address	Capacity	Eligible Children Aged	Childcare Time	Standard Time (Childcare Service is also carried out during the long- term vacation, please contact with school for details)
		Contact Information				
Educational foundation Sumiyoshi Gakuen	Hibari Kindergarten	Kataoka 855-1	240	3 years old (already) ~ 5 years	9:00~ 15:00	7:30~18:30 (Free)
		☎ 32-0813				15:00~18:00 (Free)
Educational foundation Kawashiri Gakuen	Chidori Kindergarten	Kawashiri 778-5	210		10:00~ 15:00	7:30~9:30 (Free)
		☎ 32-6140				16:00~18:00(It depends)

◎ For your reference, please scan each kindergarten QR code as below.

Hibari Kindergarten	Chidori Kindergarten
	



■ Standard Index and Ajustment Index for Childcare Facility Enrollment Screeing

Implentation standard for Childcare

Applicant Child's Name			採点者	確認者	点数①	合計(①+②)

Type		Status of Parent/Guardian, etc.		Father	Mother	
①	Employment	Work outside the home	Check "✓" if applicable			
			☐ Work outside the office	Actual working 40 hours or more per weeknormaly	10	10
			☐ Self-employed outside the home	Actual working 37.5 hours or more per weeknormaly	9	9
			☐ Home and store are not on the same or adjacent premises	Actual working 30 hours or more per weeknormaly	8	8
			☐ None of the above apply, but there is a risk of childcare while working due to constant handling of hazardous materials (large equipment, poisons, fire, knives, etc.)	Actual working 20 hours or more per weeknormaly	7	7
				Actual working 16 hours or more per weeknormaly	4	4
		Work at home	Check "✓" if applicable	Actual working 40 hours or more per weeknormaly	9	9
			☐ Work inside the home ※Including telework, etc.	Actual working 37.5 hours or more per weeknormaly	8	8
				Actual working 30 hours or more per weeknormaly	7	7
			☐ Side job at hoome	Actual working 20 hours or more per weeknormaly	6	6
			☐ Self-employed inside the home ※Including agriculture	Actual working 16 hours or more per weeknormaly	3	3
		Job seeking	Actively seeking job at the time of application		1	1
②	Before or after giving birth	Desired entry month : from 6 weeks of the month prior to the expected date for childbirth ※ Requirements: Maternal and Child Health Handbook etc.		/	10	
③	Disease・Disability	Disease etc.	☐ Inpatient	More than 1 month	10	10
				More than 2 weeks ~less than 1 month	7	7
			☐ Out-patient	4 days or more per week	7	7
			☐ Recuperating at home ※Requirements : Copies of Medical Certificate, care plan, etc.	Prone position on bed always for treatment, infectious disease, etc.	10	10
				Other illness affedting livelihood, nursing care is necessary.	6	6
			☐ Disabled person ※Requirements: Care plan, a copies of Disability Handbook, etc.	Nursing care required (Approx.Level 1 or 2 for physical, or level A for intelligence)	7	7
				Cannot provide childcare at home (Approx.Level 3 for physical, or level B for intelligence)	6	6
				Other disabilities indicated above, cannot provide childcare (Level 4 for physical)	5	5
④	Nursing・Care	Proving nursing care for a family member etc.	☐ 5 days or more per week	Daytime house required are 8 house or more	8	8
				Daytime house required are 4house or more	6	6
			☐ Within 4 days per week	Daytime house required are 8 house or more	7	7
				Daytime house required are 4house or more	5	5
		In-home care for a relative, etc. (Primary caregiver) ※ Requirements: Copies of medical certificate, care plan, etc.	Severe nursing care required (Level 4 or higher for)	7	7	
			Noderate nursing care required (Level 3)	6	6	
			Mild nursing care required (Level 2)	5	5	
⑤	Disaster relief	Natural disasters etc.(If childcare cannot provide at home due to the restoration work of damage house etc from fire etc.)※Disaster victim/Disaster Damage Notice Certificates (罹災証明書等)			10	
⑥	Attending school	Attending school/vocational training school, etc.	School hours per week are 30 hours or more	8	8	
		※ Documents to prove:Student ID, curriculum chart, etc.	School hours per week are 16 hours or more	4	4	
⑦	Abuse・DV	Abuse・DV		※		
⑧	In addition to the items indicated above(①～⑦), when it is reconized that childcare is clearly required. (The minimun point (indexe)shall be determined by applying the indexes listed in ①～⑧)				1 ～ 1 0	

Concerning the point of mark "※", we will take an full consideration and make a determination depending on each household circunstance.

Adjustment Index (Criteria for Priority)

Point②

Applicant child's family circumstances		
(Extra points)		Adjustment point
1	Households receiving public assistance	+2
2	Single-parent households, households undergoing divorce mediation, foster parents	+12
3	Households with three or more children (under 18 years old as of April 1st, 2026)	+1
4	Household where one parent is working away from home	+1
5	Children wishing to use the facility have disabilities	+2
6	Relatives living with the child (parents, siblings, grandparents) have disabilities	+2
7	Grandparents live outside of town.	+1
8	Siblings are already enrolled in desired facility	+3
9	Siblings enrolled in different childcare facilities and wish to transfer to the same facility (for April enrollment)	+1
10	Siblings (multiple children) applying for the same facility at the same time	+1
11	Father or mother working or planning to work as a childcare worker or teacher	+1
12	Using temporary childcare (excluding personal reasons) or unauthorized childcare facilities	+3
13	When transfers are deemed particularly necessary due to a move, etc.	+1
14	Householder when there is a high need for work due to unemployment (bankruptcy, restructuring, etc.)	+2
15	When a child who temporarily withdraws from a childcare facility due to the birth of a second or subsequent child (or childcare leave) requests re-enrollment due to the parents' employment, etc.	+3
16	When a child is unable to enroll due to unavoidable circumstances and is on a waiting list (excluding cases where the child wishes to enroll) 1 extra point per month to be added	+1~
17	When graduating from a childcare facility, etc. (small-scale childcare facility, etc.) with an age limit * The child wishes to enroll at a childcare facility affiliated with the facility where the child graduated	+4
18	When graduating from a childcare facility, etc. (small-scale childcare facility, etc.) with an age limit * The child wishes to enroll at a childcare facility rather than the facility affiliated with the childcare facility where the child graduated	+3
19	When the childcare facility cannot continue operation due to the closure, etc.	+3
20	Return to work after childcare leave, etc.	+2
21	When a parent who falls under reason ④ of the childcare implementation Standards ("Disability") has a disability listed in 4 (equivalent to a Grade 1 Disability Certificate)	+5
Point to be subtracted (taken off)		
1	When a co-resident relative is under 65 years old and unemployed	-5
2	When the applicant child has any siblings who are not using or applying a childcare facility and receive childcare at home	-2
3	When father or mother working less than 13 days per month (3 days per week)	-2
4	If the applicant child or parents live outside of Yoshida Town (except plan to move in to Yoshida Town)	-10
5	A household whose payment of childcare fee is overdue (including graduated child's payment)	-5
6	When application documents are submitted beyond the application period without a valid reason	-3
Others		
Household particular circumstances rather than above		※

Concerning the point of "※", we will take a full consideration and make a determination depending on each household circumstance.

Yoshida Town Childcare Fee

Yoshida Town Office sets the childcare fee is cheaper than national standard.

(The first year of Reiwa ～)

Level	Childcare fee monthly						
	Household classifications	Ceritification as NO.1	Ceritification as NO. 2	Ceritification as NO.3			
			National standard payment ※Reference	Children in 0～2 years old class			
				Division	Standard period	Short period	
1	Households under public assistance	Free of charge	Free of charge	0		0	0
2	Residence-tax -exempt-household			0		0	0
3	Residence-tax-shotokuwari-exempt-household			19,500	1st child	10,000	9,800
					2 nd child	5,000	4,900
					Single-parent household,etc.	4,500	4,400
					Single-parent-household with 2 or more children	0	0
4	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥48,6000)				1st child	13,000	12,800
					2 nd child	6,500	6,400
					Single-parent household,etc.	6,000	5,900
					Single-parent-household with 2 or more children	0	0
5	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥77,101)			30,000	1st child	19,000	18,600
					2 nd child	9,500	9,300
					Single-parent household,etc.	9,000	9,000
					Single-parent-household with 2 or more children	0	0
6	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥97,000)			44,500		23,000	22,600
7	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥133,000)					28,000	27,400
8	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥169,000)		32,000		31,400		
9	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥211,201)	61,000		36,000	35,200		
10	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥235,000)			39,000	38,400		
11	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥301,000)			45,000	44,200		
12	Taxation household (Residence tax less than JP¥397,000)	80,000		50,000	49,200		
13	Taxation household (Residence tax is JP¥307,000 or more)	104,000		60,000	59,000		

- In the case that siblings use authorized childcare facilities (kodomo-en, nursery schools etc) at the same time, the nursery fees are reduced by half for the 2nd child and exempted for the 3rd child and subsequent siblings. (For the second tier of category 3 certification, the 2nd child and subsequent children are free of charge.) Regarding the determination method for the second child, for household where the municipal income tax amount lered from the second to fifth there is less JP¥57,700, the count starts from the top regardless of the age of the older siblings.
- For single-parent households (single mother or father)or households with a disabled member(adult or child) living at home, please refer to the section on single-parent housholds, for details on user fee burdens. In this case, at the fifth stage the user fee for the second child and subsequent children will be waived.
- For the fiscal year in which the child reaches age 3, the user fee amount for category 3 certification applies.
- In addition to this user fee, each facility may collect actual expenses such as lunch fee and extention childcare fees.

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