

KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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The Fully free childcare policy will begin.

In order to alleviate the economic burden on child-rearing households, the city will provide an environment where it is easy to have and raise children by waiving daycare fees for children aged 0 to 2 years old. This policy is unique to the city.

※The expenses for events, educational materials, and transportation to and from preschool will still be paid for by the parents.

Inquiries: Childcare Section ext. 431, 433, 570

Eligible Persons

Children attending daycare centers (preschools), certified childcare centers, and community-based daycare facilities:

Children between the ages of 0 and 2 years old living in the city

Children using non-registered daycare facilities or temporary childcare services:

Children who meet all of the following conditions

- (1) Children between the ages of 0 and 2 years old from taxable households living in the city who are in need of daycare.
- (2) Children who have applied for admission to an approved daycare facility (daycare centers or preschools, certified childcare centers, or a community-based daycare facility) but could not be admitted.
- (3) Children who use non-registered daycare facilities or temporary childcare services that meet the standards.

※Tax-exempt households and children who are 3 to 5 years old are already eligible for free childcare under the national system.

Procedures

For those who use daycare centers (preschools), certified childcare centers, and community-based daycare facilities:

No special procedures are required. You will receive a notice of waived childcare fee from the city.

For those who use non-registered daycare facilities or temporary childcare services:

Procedures are required.

For details, please contact the Childcare Section or visit the city website by scanning the code below.



Kumagaya City Website

Let's Chat in English !

Hosted by Kumagaya International Friendship Association

Time and date: 1:30-3:00 pm Sunday, July 6th, 2025

Venue: Kumagaya Shokokaikan 2F

Age: Elementary, Junior High, and High School students

Applications can be made in person at the Kumagaya City Public Relations Section, or sending e-mail via info@k-ifa.jp.

Inquiries: Kumagaya City Public Relations Section

Saitama Information & Support (SIS)

☎ 048 - 833-3296

Telephone counseling is available in foreign languages regarding issues in daily life.

Days: Monday to Friday

(Closed on national holidays and Dec.29 to Jan.3)

Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association



Japanese Language Class

Learn Japanese to use in everyday life. Please note that participation in Japanese classes will now require you to book a seat in advance.

For further information, please call us on the phone number below or check out our website.

Office Information

Days: Monday through Friday (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays)

Hours: 8:45 am to 5 pm

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City population (As of April 1st, 2025):

190,341

Foreign resident population: 5,331

