

2024 Municipal Kindergarten Extended Childcare Application Guide

1. What Is Extended Childcare?

(1) Extended Childcare

Under the extended childcare system, children enrolled in a kindergarten remain in the kindergarten's care after regular hours. Taito City municipal kindergartens have been offering extended childcare services on a trial basis since the 2021 academic year for children due to the employment situations of their parents/guardians and other reasons.

(2) Extended Childcare Program Details

Kindergarten	Days offered	Hours	Available forms	Capacity	Daily fees ^{*5}
Negishi	Weekdays (including during long holidays) ^{*1}	9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (excluding during regular hours) ^{*3}	Regular registered use	30 children per day ^{*4}	Weekdays: ¥520 Long holidays: ¥1,400 ^{*6}
Kinryu			Irregular registered use		
Tawara					
Taiou					
Ikuiei			One-time use		
Other municipal kindergartens	Weekdays ^{*2}	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding during regular hours)	Irregular registered use	10 children per day	Free

^{*1} On certain days, such as during the school closure period (about five days in mid-August) and the year-end/New Year's holidays.

^{*2} The service is available about two days a week, and not during long holidays. Please inquire at the specific kindergarten for details.

^{*3} Children are required to arrive at the school between 8:30 and 9 a.m. The time is determined through consultation with the kindergarten and depends on your family's working hours and other factors. Regular hours and extended childcare both begin at 9 a.m.

^{*4} The children of regular registered users will be given priority. Therefore, the minimum number of children of irregular registered users and one-time users is nine. This is the maximum capacity (30) minus the capacity of regular registered users (21; seven children x three grades [three-, four- and five-year-old classes]).

^{*5} You may be eligible for a reduction or exemption depending on the income status of your household, how many of your children are enrolled, and other factors.

^{*6} If your child will be bringing his/her lunch, the fee will be reduced by the amount of the standard lunch fee.

(3) Usage Format

Usage format		Usage requirements	Outline
Registered user ^{*7}	Regular	All parents/guardians eligible for this must work at least five days a week or twenty days a month, and the child requires care during the extended childcare hours.	You must register in advance for this. The capacity is seven children per school year per kindergarten. Slots are reserved so registered users can use the service on any day of their choice.
	Irregular	All parents/guardians eligible for this must meet one of the following criteria below, and the child must require care during the extended childcare hours (excluding regular registered use). Criteria: Work schedule, illness or disability, pregnancy or childbirth, nursing care, school, job hunting, disaster recovery	You must register in advance for this. There is no registration limit. The number of regular registered users above is subtracted from the maximum capacity to determine how many children can use the service on a given day. On days when the number of requests exceeds the maximum capacity, we will hold a lottery to determine who can use the service.
One-time user		The child requires temporary care during extended childcare hours because of his/her parents/guardians' participation in school events, hospital visits, etc.	No registration is necessary, but the service is only available if the maximum capacity has not been reached.

^{*7} Registration is valid until the end of March of the school year in which it is made, and you must register every year. In principle, regular registered use can continue the following year if the parent/guardian's employment status continues to meet the requirements.

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2. Application Details

Application content	Negishi, Kinryu, Tawara, Taiou and Ikuei kindergartens are accepting applications for regular registered users for extended childcare . Information about irregular registered users and one-time users as well as details about use will be sent separately to those whose children are admitted to municipal kindergartens.
Eligibility	Must meet the usage requirements for regular registered use.
Sibling Priority	Siblings of children currently enrolled in the three- or four-year-old classes and are registered as regular users may be given priority application. (Limited to households that have never been in arrears with their extended childcare fees.)
Capacity	Will be posted on each kindergarten's website and the official Taito City office on <u>Wednesday, November 1, 2023.</u>
Application period	<u>Electronic applications: November 1 (Wed.) to 6 (Mon.), 2023</u> Note: Please see the attachment for details. <u>In-person applications: November 7 (Tue.) and 8 (Wed.), 2023</u> Note: Application hours are the same as for enrollment applications.
Required documents	Municipal kindergarten extended childcare regular registered use application form
Where to submit	The specific kindergarten or the School Affairs Division
Announcement of results	Scheduled to be posted on each kindergarten's website and the official Taito City website around 6 a.m. on <u>Friday, November 10, 2023.</u>
Determination of prospective users	After all enrollment application procedures are complete, prospective registered users of extended childcare will be selected from among the decided students and the students of that kindergarten.
Lottery	If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity, a city staff member will conduct a public lottery to determine the prospective registered users. The lottery is scheduled for <u>Thursday, November 16, 2023</u> (subject to change depending on the admission lottery situation).
Submission of employment certificate	Prospective registered users will be asked to submit an employment certificate at a later date. Please note that if you do not submit an employment certificate, or if your employment status no longer meets the requirements, your registration may be rejected.

3. Points to Note Regarding Extended Childcare

- (1) A familiarization program that lasts approximately one week to one month is conducted for newly enrolled children, with the length of the program based on the individual child's capabilities. While extended childcare is still available during this period, we may ask you to pick up your child earlier than usual. Three-year-old children are particularly sensitive to changes in their environment, so please cooperate with the kindergarten during this period.
- (2) Staff members from temporary employment agencies, etc. under the supervision of a regular kindergarten teacher will provide the extended childcare services for Negishi, Kinryu, Tawara, Taiou and Ikuei kindergartens.
- (3) You may be required to prepare items for your child to bring, such as snacks and a blanket for napping.
- (4) Since there will be a lottery for days when the number of requests for irregular registered use and one-time use exceed the maximum capacity, you may not be able to use extended childcare services on the day of your choice.
- (5) Since this service is still in its trial stage, the contents are subject to change.
- (6) If your employment status no longer meets the requirements for extended childcare because you took childcare leave or the like, you will be ineligible for regular registered use as well as irregular registered use (criteria: work schedule).
- (7) For more information about usage formats and what is required to receive extended childcare, please scan the 2D code at right or visit the city website.

4. Other

- (1) To actually use the service, you must apply in advance to the kindergarten for the desired days of use. The kindergartens will provide details regarding the procedure.
- (2) If the reason you need childcare, such as your employment, meets certain requirements and your need for childcare is certified, extended childcare and the use of unapproved childcare facilities will be free. For Negishi, Kinryu, Tawara, Taiou and Ikuei kindergartens, however, fees for facilities and services other than for extended childcare services provided at each kindergarten are not eligible for this exemption. Details of the certification requirements and procedures will be announced separately.