

After-School Children's Club Application (Winter & Spring Break, Fiscal Year 2027)

• What is the Afterschool Children's Club?

The Afterschool Children's Club is a program where elementary school children can be cared for primarily after school on behalf of parents or guardians who are unable to supervise them at home during the day due to work or other legitimate reasons. Its primary aim is to provide a safe environment for children and support their healthy development. If you believe you qualify for and are interested in applying for the Afterschool Children's Club service, please read the following information carefully before submitting your application during the application period.

• Application Period

October 1 (Thu) 2026 through October 30 (Fri) 2026

• Eligibility Criteria

Children who are enrolled in a public elementary school in Hikone City and whose parents/guardians or other co-residing household members under 60 are unable to supervise them at home during the day due to work or other reasonable reasons.

• Opening Hours

Weekdays: After school until 6:30 PM (Afterschool Children's Club staff are usually at the club by 1:00 PM.)

Saturdays, school closure days, and school vacation days: 7:45 AM until 6:30 PM

*You are responsible for picking up your child before the club closes.

• Club Fees

Period	Fee Per Child
Throughout the School Year (Except for August)	8,000 JPY Monthly *Additional fees are collected for miscellaneous expenses, separate from the club fee.
Summer Break (During August)	13,000 JPY *Additional fees are collected for miscellaneous expenses, separate from the club fee.
Spring Break (March and April as separate periods), Winter Break (December through January)	3,000 JPY per period *Additional fees are collected for miscellaneous expenses, separate from the club fee. *If you leave your child in the care of the Afterschool Children's Club throughout the school year, winter and spring breaks will be automatically included.
Saturdays	2,000 JPY Monthly *The Afterschool Children's Club cannot be used on Saturdays only. *If you use the Afterschool Children's Club on Saturdays, an additional fee will be charged on top of the regular fee.

• A fee reduction may be available to single-parent households, households receiving assistance under the Livelihood Protection Program, or households enrolling more than one child (such as siblings) in the club. Single-parent households and households receiving assistance under the Livelihood Protection Program must submit an additional form to apply for the fee reduction.

• Each child must be covered by Sports Insurance (accident and injury insurance) at an annual cost of JPY 800.

• Only the Afterschool Children's Club fees for the Spring Break period are divided between March and April. Please note that JPY 3,000 is charged for each month. Therefore, if you wish to use the service throughout the Spring Break period, JPY 3,000 will be collected separately for each month rather than all at once.

For further details and online application, please visit the website of Hikone City by



- **How to Apply for the Afterschool Children's Club.**

*Depending on the period of the club service you wish to use, the application method varies.

1. During Winter Break Only

Please complete and submit the application form, along with proof of employment and any other required documents, directly to the Afterschool Children's Club office where you wish to enroll your child.

2. During Spring Break or Throughout the School Year of 2027

[A] Please apply online, if possible, by scanning the QR code. You will also need to submit proof of employment or an official document showing that no household members will be at home during the day to look after the child.



[B] Prepare proof of employment and any other required documents.

If you wish to apply for a fee reduction, please complete the fee reduction form as well.

Submit all required documents to the Afterschool Children's Club office where you would like to enroll your child.

*Please note that each Afterschool Children's Club office closes at 6:30 PM.

3. Required Documents

The application form for the Afterschool Children's Club during the winter break and the city-designated proof of employment form, along with other required documents, will be available at each elementary school's Afterschool Children's Club office starting October 1, 2026 (Thu). These forms are also available on the Hikone City website, so please download them as needed. (The application forms for spring break and full-year use for fiscal year 2027 are not available on the website.)

*It may take some time to ask your employer to complete and issue you with a certificate of employment. Therefore, please be sure to have enough time for this process.

* Those who will be in 2nd grade or above in FY2027 and are applying only for winter break and/or the end-of-year spring break do not need to resubmit proof of employment or other documentation showing that no household members are at home during the day if they have already submitted these documents when applying for FY2026 use (beginning-of-year spring break, full-year use, or summer-break-only use). However, if there have been any changes to the information since the documents were submitted, please submit updated documents.

[Acceptance Notice]

If you apply to use the Afterschool Children's Club Service during winter break only, you will receive a notice regarding the results in early December.

Those who apply to use the service during spring break only and/or for the 2027 school year will receive notification in mid-February 2027.

Please note that priority will be given to applications submitted during the designated application period.

[Important Note]

• **If you have any outstanding fees for the Afterschool Children's Club Service at the time of application, your application will not be accepted.**

[Contact]

For further clarification, please contact the Hikone Lifelong Learning Division at 0749-24-7974.

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please scan the QR code on the right to visit the website of Hikone City.



