

Review of the After-School Kids Club Project

1 Progress of review about the After-School Kids Club Project

The After-School Kids Club has been operating since 2004, but the environment for children has changed significantly since then. The way children spend their time after school is changing because not only is the number of working households increasing, but the style of work is also changing through shortened hours and remote work and also a wider selection of cram schools and lessons.

Therefore, Yokohama City has been discussing improvements for after-school time for 2022 by clarifying the roles of the "play space", which is for all children, and the "childcare space", which is for children from unattended households, to flexibly respond to the numerous changes and meet the needs of guardians while maintaining a quality After-School Kids Club where all children can play together. These discussions incorporated existing surveys and surveys of users / administrators as well as the opinions of outside experts.

Discussions on the review of the After-School Kids Club are still in progress. While there are no current plans to completely reopen the club for usage classification 1 due to the coronavirus, the introduction of a new classification and changes to the days and times have been pushed forward to start in April 2021 in order to provide a safe and comforting place after school for children that avoids the 3 Cs.

2 Homepage for the Yokohama City "Review of the After-School Kids Club Project"

<https://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kurashi/kosodate-kyoiku/hokago/hokagokids/minaoshi.html>

(It can be accessed from: Yokohama City main page -> Living/General -> Child Rearing & Education -> After-School Childrearing -> After-School Kids Club -> Review of the After-School Kids Club Project)



3 Usage classifications of the After-School Kids Club

There are two usage classifications: the "Wakuwaku" classification, where the club is a play space, and the "Sukusuku" classification, where the club is both a play space and a childcare space.

The Sukusuku classification is further divided into "Yuyake", which runs until 5 pm, and "Hoshizora", which runs until 7 pm.

The following table provides an overview of the differences between the usage classifications.

Usage classification		Wakuwaku [Classification 1]	Sukusuku [Classification 2]	
			Yuyake [A]	Hoshizora [B]
Purpose of use		Play space	Play space + childcare space	
Registration conditions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The child attends an applicable elementary school or is in the early course of an applicable compulsory education school (hereinafter, applicable elementary school). - The child lives in an applicable elementary school or compulsory education school district (hereinafter, applicable elementary school district) and attends a public or private elementary school or a special education school. 		
		—	*The household is unattended, etc.	
Usage hours	Weekdays	From after school to <u>4:00 p.m.</u>	From after school to <u>5:00 p.m.</u>	From after school to <u>7:00 p.m.</u>
	Saturdays	None *Can participate in events on this day	8:30 am to <u>5:00 pm</u>	8:30 am to <u>7:00 pm</u>
	School holidays	2 hours a day (varies according to the After-School Kids Club)		
Usage fee		<u>Free</u> * <u>Single uses are 800 yen + snack fee</u>	<u>2,000 yen monthly + snack fee</u> * <u>The extension fee (until 7 pm) is 400 yen each time</u>	<u>5,000 yen monthly + snack fee</u>
			<u>Fee reductions are available</u>	
Insurance cost		800 yen or less required yearly (varies according to the After-School Kids Club)		
Fixed number of users		No	Yes	
Documents required for usage application		Usage application form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Usage application form - Document to prove that the child is a child whose parent or guardian is not at home after school 	
		* Regardless of the usage classification, submission of a <u>copy of the "School Life Management and Guidance Sheet"</u> is required for students with food allergies.		