

Reiwa8 (2026)

After School Open Square



By integrated operation of “Room for Children whose parents are away” and “After School Open Square” that opens a part of school facilities as a place where all the children can take the initiative, we provide a place to be that children spend time safely and securely, and also prepare an environment great for raising children.

We would like users to resister first, then any elementary school students living in Hirakata-shi can participate in After School Open Square if they wish to.

What's the difference between "Room for Children whose parents are away" and "After School Open Square" ?

"Room for Children whose parents are away" and "After School Open Square" have different purposes. Please discuss with children at home and choose depending on each family's purpose.

	Room for Children whose parents are away	After School Open Square
Details	It is a place to provide an appropriate play and a living space for children who need childcare because their parents are out working, etc.	As a place that children who wish to participate in can take initiative, a part of the school facilities opens after school, on Saturdays, and three seasons vacation period. (It is different from a living space such as Room for Children whose parents are away and a business for childcare.)
Open Day	Weekday, three seasons vacation period, etc. ※Sometimes, Saturdays may be temporarily opened.	Weekday, Saturdays, three seasons vacation period ※ Closed on Sundays, National Holidays, compensatory day off of Elementary school, School Founding Anniversary, school holidays, and the end of the year and New Year holiday.
Opening Hours	① Weekdays...1:15p.m.-7:00p.m. ② Three seasons vacation period ... 8:00a.m.-7:00p.m. (About ① and ② stated above, operation during 6:00p.m.-7:00 p.m. should be extended childcare.) ③ Saturdays...8:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.	① Weekdays...after class - 5:00p.m. ② Saturdays...9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. ③ Three seasons vacation period...9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. (Open until 4:30p.m. from October to March in winter)
Fee	Requires a charge (childcare fee:7,200 yen per person per month Extended childcare fee:1,000 yen per person per month) ※There will be exemption and reduction measures on childcare fee.	Free of charge ※1,000yen is required at the time of registration. (It is allotted to the costs of general insurance premium, postage, and toys that children play, etc.)
Snacks	available ※snack money : 2,000 yen per person per month	Not available
Time Management	available	Not available (Parents and children should decide the way to spend time at After School Open Square, the time to go home, and the safety on the way to and from After School Open Square, etc. at home. Please use After School Open Square under each family's responsibility.)
Staff	Integrated operation of "Room for Children whose parents are away" and "After School Open Square"	

Place	The dedicated room of “Room for Children whose parents are away” and extra classrooms are the main bases of activities to take care of children. If possible, the library, schoolyard, and gym are also used.	Extra classrooms and special rooms are the main bases of activities. The library, schoolyard, and gym are also used depending on the situation if possible. Besides, the designated room for “Room for Children whose parents are away” may be used depending on the number of participants. (There may be times when existing rooms are used at hourly intervals.)
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Point ①

Difference between “To take care of children” and “Place for children to take initiative”

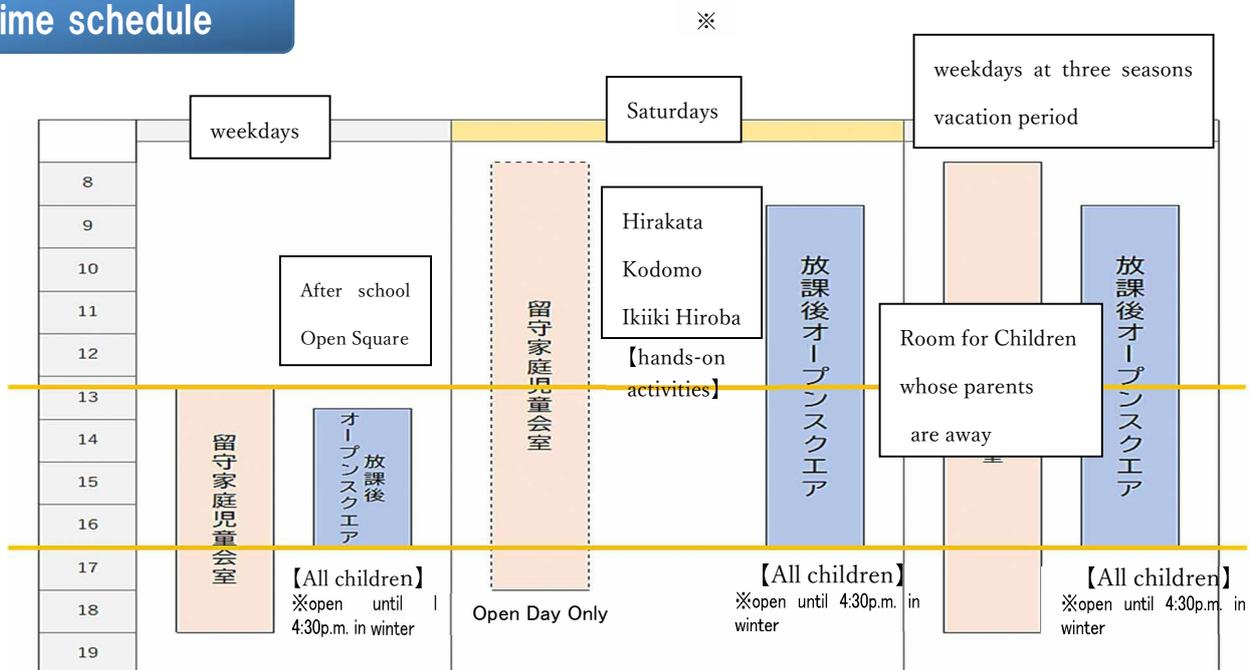
“Room for Children whose parents are away” is a childcare facility that provides an appropriate play and living space for children in need of childcare, whereas “After School Open Square” is a place where the children who wish to participate in take initiative.

Point ②

Integrated Operation

By integrated operation of “Room for Children whose parents are away” and “After School Open Square”, we centralize our support and treat attending children with care more, such as knowing where the children are, etc. The attending children in both programs can play together during open hours.

Time schedule



※”Hirakata Kodomo(Children) Ikiiki Hiroba”…It is a place for hands-on activities that local organizations or NPO, etc. at each school district provide programs with unique to the region and diversity. Please contact each organization if you have any questions about the date and participation.

Application for After School Open Square

	Children who have already registered in Reiwa7	Children who are going to register for the first time in Reiwa8				
The first application period ※ ¹	March 1 st , Reiwa8(2026) – March 15 th , Reiwa8					
Application/ Payment Method	<p>① <Online application> \ Online application in convenient! / 1,000 yen is required by credit card or PayPay via online payment at the time of applying for registration. (If you use online payment, "Hirakata City online payment" will be displayed on the detailed statement.) ※When using online payment, you should turn off pop-up blocker. Please take a look at the city's website to know how to turn off pop-up blocker. (FAQ(Frequently Asked Questions) On Logo Form online payment, the screen is not responding.)</p>					
	<p>We will mail the information only for those who wish to continue registering late February, Reiwa8. For detailed information, please check the brochure sent by mail.</p>	<p>Apply through the city's website. The front page of Hirakata City Homepage→ General Information→Child Rearing / Education→ Place for children after school → 【Reiwa8/2026】 Regarding After School Open Square URL : https://www.city.hirakata.osaka.jp/0000052740.html For application by smartphone, please scan the code on the right.</p> 				
	<p>② <Application by document>Please bring the document. Fill out the “ 【Reiwa8】 Registration Application Form for After School Open Square ” , and submit both of the application form and <u>1,000 yen in cash</u> at After School Children Division service counter. ※An application form can be filled out at the counter. <where to submit> Elementary school and After School Open Square itself do not accept the application form.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">After School Children Division Hirakata City Board of Education</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">(reception hours) weekday 9:00-17:30</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">address : 〒573-1159 4th floor Kagayaki Plaza Kirara 1-1-1 Kurumazuka, Hirakata-shi</td> </tr> </table>		After School Children Division Hirakata City Board of Education	(reception hours) weekday 9:00-17:30	address : 〒573-1159 4 th floor Kagayaki Plaza Kirara 1-1-1 Kurumazuka, Hirakata-shi	
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Start Date ※ ²	April 1 st , Reiwa8(2026)	<p><new first grader>School lunch starts after (usually after the third week of April each year.) <new second–sixth grader> April 1st, Reiwa8</p>				
Sending user guide	Not available (KODOMON is still available.)	available (We will mail the information of "the control system of entering and leaving room" (KODOMON), etc. by the starting date.)				

※¹ Applications after the first application period will be “accepted at any time”.
If you apply after the first application deadline, generally to apply by 10th each month will make this program available from the beginning of the next month.

However, regarding the usage from the beginning of summer vacation, we set a separate deadline late June.

We will inform you of the more detailed information on Hirakata City PR magazine and Hirakata City Homepage as soon as possible once we decide.

※² Please make sure to register for KODOMON APP and check the “Usage Guide of Reiwa8 After School Open Square” on Hirakata City Homepage before using this program.

Important points before using After School Open Square

○ The purpose of this program is different from that of “Room for Children whose parents are away” which is a place for childcare and taking care of children.

After School Open Square opens a part of school facilities after school, on Saturdays, and three seasons vacation period as a place to be where all the children can take initiative after school. Staff members watch over their proactive activities.

○ Opening Hours and Open Day are different from those of Room for Children whose parents are away.

Opening hours/Open day of After School Open Square are as shown below. Opening hours are from after class to 5p.m.(in winter(from October to March)opens until 4:30p.m.).

Open day should be weekdays/Saturdays/three seasons vacation period(summer/winter/spring vacation) However, the following days are closed.

«The days that After School Open Square is closed»

Sundays and National holidays/the end of the year and new year holiday/school holidays(FYI: August 9th to August 15th , Reiwa7)/ compensatory day off of Elementary school/ School Founding Anniversary

Opening hours/Open day of “Room for Children whose parents are away” are written on ”Reiwa8 Room for Children whose parents are away application guidelines”.

○ Please discuss at home how to spend time at After School Open Square.

If a child does not follow staff members’ instructions and commits dangerous behavior such as human rights violation, violence/nuisance, etc., we may refuse to use our facility after the behavior.

○ For a registration and participation to this program, it is important to respect children’ s will.

This is not a program that aims to provide a childcare place.

Each family should discuss and confirm that children themselves would like to participate in this program in advance before applying.

○ The usage fee is free; however, 1,000yen is required at the time of registration.

It is allotted to the costs of general insurance, postage, and toys that children play, etc.

○ Please resister for the control system of entering and leaving room called ”KODOMON”.

“KODOMON” is a system that parents can check notifications in emergencies, etc. and the children’ s access time on parents’ smartphones, etc.

Before using After School Open Square, **please make sure to** register /log in for the APP called “KODOMON”.

○After School Open Square does not manage children's time.

Parents and children should decide the time to go home and the safety on the way to and from After School Open Square, etc. at home, then use After School Open Square under each family's responsibility.

※Parents can check the access time through "KODOMON".

○If a child is injured, we will provide simple first aid. Depending on the condition of the injury, we may contact the parents and ask to pick the child up and/or take the child to a hospital. Please make sure register the parents' emergency contacts so that we can reach the parents when needed.

○When children bring lunch boxes, parents are responsible of the hygiene (use ice packs), keeping the lunch boxes safe, and food allergies. (Snacks are not available.)

○After School Open Square is not operated by school.

Please contact After School Children Division for inquiries.

Please refrain from contacting school.