

## Kindergartens

According to the School Education Law (*Gakko Kyoiku Ho*), kindergartens are considered schools and are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry for Education, Science and Technology. Kindergartens are educational facilities for children aged 3 years and older which they attend in the years before they enter elementary school or compulsory education school.

They are established by the state, regional public bodies, and school foundations.

In Nishinomiya City, there are municipal and private kindergartens. Generally, parents can choose how many years their children will commute to kindergarten, from 1 – 3 years.

Nishinomiya Municipal Kindergartens are 2-year kindergartens.

(Regarding day nurseries, see the page for Child Welfare)

For children who have disabilities and need support to enter kindergartens, please enquire at Nishinomiya City Board of Education, Special Support Education Division.

<b>Enquiries</b>	Regarding municipal kindergartens: Nishinomiya City Board of Education, General School Affairs Division ( <i>Nishinomiya-shi Kyoiku linkai, Gakuji Ka</i> )	0798-35-3850
	Regarding special support in municipal kindergartens: Nishinomiya City Board of Education, Special Support Education Division ( <i>Nishinomiya-shi Kyoiku linkai, Tokubetsu Shien Kyoiku Ka</i> )	0798-35-3897
	Regarding private kindergartens: Nishinomiya City Nursery Schools Admission Division ( <i>Nishinomiya-shi Hoiku Nyusho Ka</i> )	0798-35-3160

**Note** For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you at kindergartens and above organizations.