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History of Lumbini Academy

April 8th is the day of the "Flower Festival," celebrating the birth of Lord Buddha. On April 8th, 1932, on the day of the "Flower Festival," in the still rural area where the Mifuku-ji temple was located, the then head priest and first school principal, Toyonobu Fukui (1924-2016), established Lumbini Nursery School, hoping for the true happiness of young children and a place for proper education. Lumbini, named after the birthplace of Lord Buddha in Nepal near the border with India, was believed to be a beautiful flower garden where flowers bloomed, and birds chirped. With the aspiration for it to be a paradise for children, the school was named after Lumbini. Although the ideal was lofty, the reality was initially an unlicensed childcare facility with fewer than 60 children, using a temple hall within the temple grounds. The first 15-tatami mat building was constructed five years later. As the community developed, the number of children increased, leading to annual expansions of the school building. On April 1st, 1958, the nursery school became officially recognized. In the same year, ahead of others, a swimming pool was constructed as part of the ongoing expansion efforts, requiring the sweat and labor of parents over the course of about ten years. The mutual efforts of parents and teachers for the happiness of the children, as well as the unity created, are the school's source of pride. On April 10th, 1965, Lumbini Kindergarten was officially recognized, and on June 10th, the construction was completed, leading to its opening. Thus, an integrated education center for young children, combining both kindergarten and nursery school, was established. This was a rare concept nationwide at the time, attracting attention from newspapers and magazines, leading to frequent visits and inquiries. In January 1969, the second-phase reinforced concrete construction was completed, followed by the third-phase reinforced concrete two-story extension in April 1975. Additionally, in August of the same year, the entrance area was expanded, and a learning classroom on the third floor was built. In November 1976, as part of the 25th-anniversary commemorative project, an exact replica of the Buddha statue enshrined in Lumbini Park, Nepal, was placed at the entrance of the school, where students offer a "Namaste" during arrival and departure. In December 1986, as part of the 30th-anniversary celebration, extensive renovations were carried out on the schoolyard, including relocating the pool, constructing athletic facilities, planting trees, and renovating the temple grounds, transforming it into a lush green environment resembling a forest park. In April 2011, Mifuku-ji Lumbini Academy Kindergarten was officially recognized as an educational institution. In November 2012, Lumbini Welfare Association was recognized as a social welfare corporation, and with the cooperation of religious corporations, educational institutions, and social welfare corporations, a new organization was established to operate as an unprecedented compound facility for education, childcare, and parenting nationwide. In April 2015, Lumbini Nursery School completed its new building. In April 2016, Mifuku-ji Lumbini Academy Kindergarten completed its new building. In June 2022, Mifuku-ji Lumbini Academy celebrated its 70th anniversary.

Philosophy of the Main Campus First Principal, Toyonobu Fukui (1924-2016)

The main campus, as the name suggests, is a school affiliated with Mifuku-ji, built on the fundamental philosophy of Buddhism, the teachings of Lord Buddha. This philosophy is termed "Buddhist Education." The fundamental spirit of Buddhism is to "respect the Three Treasures": Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. "Buddha" refers to an awakened (Buddha) person, an ideal image of someone who has awakened to the truth and embodies it. "Dharma" refers to the truth (Dharma) of the universe and life, known through right wisdom. "Sangha" refers to the community (Sangha) of people walking the path of a righteous life. Respecting the Three Treasures means making efforts to develop right wisdom, perceive life correctly, and strive to reach the ideal of humanity. It signifies that those who strive for this are Buddhists, and the effort itself is the path of Buddhism, which bears fruit within the community. The main campus aspires to the ideal of being "bright (Buddha), righteous (Dharma), and harmonious (Sangha)." "Wisdom" here does not mean knowledge but the power to decide and choose in dealing with matters. To live truly as a human being, seeking truth and living truthfully requires a broad and tolerant heart, not just academic knowledge. Education is not just about imparting knowledge; especially for young children, it is about nurturing the seeds of living as humans through the play-based activities known as "play" – nurturing the buds of wisdom. During the crucial early childhood period that shapes one's lifetime, education, based on the Educational Basic Law aiming to "cultivate individuals to achieve personality completion and love truth," is not just about imparting knowledge and refining skills but about nurturing the correct buds of awakening to human nature. It aims to instill compassion, nurture the ability to act without hesitation in doing what is right, and it cannot be achieved without Buddhist education based on religious truth. Humans are both individual and social beings. To awaken to oneself, it is only possible by being a member of a group, and social and group living can only be obtained by living within a group. The fundamental spirit of Buddhism in respecting the "Sangha" (gathering) is meaningful here. Additionally, the fundamental principle of Buddhism is "dependent origination" – everything exists not as individual or absolute entities but entirely through "dependence" and "interdependence." The meaning of the existence of schools and educational institutions lies in being places of group living, with the primary purpose and value of education there. Infants are already remarkably group-oriented, and stability in life comes from establishing a position within the group. This is indeed a challenge for modern education and the starting point for considering the way of education to aspire to the future. The position of the main

【Philosophy】

To establish the foundation for human development through Buddhism.

【Policy】

To assist preschoolers in creating the foundation for human development, aiming for them to lead happy lives.

【Goals】

1. Brightly (Buddha): Cultivate curiosity and interest in various things, actively exploring.
2. Rightly (Dharma): Understand good and bad, taking responsibility for actions.
3. Harmoniously (Sangha): Develop compassion and group dynamics, leading a harmonious life.

【Through Experiences】

1. Expand choices and broaden perspectives.
2. Acquire the ability to make choices and think critically.
3. Learn how to interact with others.
4. Feel and embody Buddhist philosophy.

【Basic Educational Principles of the School】

At Lumbini Academy, we aim to build the foundation for human development through Buddhism, nurturing children who can be bright, righteous, and harmonious. We also aspire for the children who graduate from the academy to lead bright, righteous, and harmonious lives. The early childhood years are a crucial time for building the "foundation for human development." The fundamental spirit of Buddhism is to "respect the three treasures," referring to Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. In Buddhist education, we express this as being Bright (Buddha), Right (Dharma), and Harmonious (Sangha). Although simple, these words hold profound meanings. In the changing environment surrounding us, children are living in an era of uncertainty. Lumbini aims to provide various "environments," affirm the individual existence, encourage independent thinking, and foster children who can navigate through society, leading happy lives. Rather than

imposing activities, we value what comes from within – the child's own "desires." The entire academy collaboratively supports each child's "life," "play," and "emotions."

【Special Features of the School's Education】

- 1. Integrated Operation of Buddhist Spirit and Welfare:** Idealizing education and welfare integrated with the basic principles of Buddhist spirit, adaptable to the demands of the times and the realities of children.
- 2. Flexible Education:** Not a fixed and formalized education but one that opens the future by responding to the demands of the times and the realities of children. Specialized teachers are invited as advisors and lecturers to explore pioneering educational theories.

【Curriculum and Instruction Plan】

Curriculum plans are created systematically to match the developmental stages of infants and toddlers from 1 to 5 years old, subject to comprehensive practice. Weekly staff meetings are held for continuous evaluation and revision.

【Religious and Emotional Education】

Greeting the statue of Buddha (Birth Buddha) near the main gate in the morning and evening, participating in Buddhist rituals, and reading books like "Oshaka-sama" and "Kodomo no Kuni" to develop religious and emotional education at a fundamental level (without promoting a specific sect).

【Language Education】

Through various daily activities and play, children are guided to express their feelings and demands in words, naturally acquiring reading and writing abilities without formal workbooks.

【Independence and Social Collective Education】

The distinctive feature of the school's education is the emphasis on "collective" education. Through group activities, children learn to distinguish themselves from others, become independent, nurture autonomy, and develop social skills by combining strengths and cooperating.

【Arts Education】

Specialized instructors teach subjects like art, rhythmic, and English, aiming to develop creativity through artistic education.

【Nature Education】

Seasonal cultivation of crops at Lumbini Farm, conducted collaboratively with caregivers, aims to cultivate affection for food and nature and stimulate interest in observation.

【Physical Activity】

Various sports activities, including tag, jump rope, ball games, and swimming lessons at Tipness' pool during the summer, aim to promote a healthy body and physical fitness.

【Storybooks】

Storytelling sessions aligning with seasons and events, along with designated book corners in each room, encourage the habit of engaging with books.

【Documentation】

Daily records of children's play, insights, learning experiences, and interactions with friends are documented with photos and words. This helps in understanding individual development, guiding instruction, and sharing children's growth with parents through displays and distributions.

【Collaboration with Families】

Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A.): Active collaboration between families and the school is essential to deepen learning through play. Parents engage in various activities to support this collaboration.

【Monthly Magazine "Hotokenoko" Subscription】

Subscribing to the monthly magazine "Hotokenoko" to keep parents informed about events and activities at the school.

【Publication of "Ahiru" Newsletter】

Publishing the monthly newsletter "Ahiru" to communicate the events of the month at the school.

【Participation in Events】

Engaging in enjoyable and meaningful activities, primarily involving teachers and parents with preschoolers.

【Monthly Goals】

- April: Celebrate admission and grade advancement, and become familiar with kindergarten life (Mindful Listening and Comprehension).
- May: Observe rules and enjoy group activities (Observance and Harmony).
- June: Cherish living things (Respect for Life).
- July: Be kind to everyone (Almsgiving and Service).
- August: Proactively take on tasks within one's capabilities (Self-Benefit and Benefiting Others).
- September: Express gratitude for societal and natural blessings (Gratitude).
- October: Help each other (Mutual Assistance and Cooperation).
- November: Persevere until the end (Diligence and Effort).
- December: Understand teachings and strive together (Forbearance and Endurance).
- January: Play harmoniously without succumbing to the cold (Smiling and Loving Speech).
- February: Maintain hope and live happily (Wisdom and Hope).
- March: Think well and lead a calm life (Zen Meditation and Silence).

【Annual Events】

- **April:** Flower Festival, Entrance Ceremony, Grade Advancement Ceremony, Parent-Teacher Association, General Meeting, Class Parents' Meeting. Parents visit the Flower Hall together, with activities such as talks, songs, and introductions by the principal. Officer approvals, business plans, budget approvals, and explanations of the educational policy for the year follow the general meeting.
- **May:** Children's Day, Spring Outing (for children of a certain age and older), Individual Interviews. Celebrate Children's Day by raising carp streamers made by the children. Parents participate in individual interviews, fostering mutual understanding.
- **June:** Sunday Visitation, Parent-Child Evacuation Drill, Foundation Day. Fathers join in activities with their children, creating art and playing games on Father's Day. Parental participation is required for pickup drills.
- **July:** Tanabata Festival within the kindergarten, Mitama Festival, Bon Dance, Buffet Lunch, Closing Ceremony. Decorate with bamboo leaves for Tanabata, and enjoy bon dancing in the evening with parents. A buffet-style lunch is provided once a term, allowing children to choose their meals.
- **August:** Summer Care. A week of summer care during the summer vacation, focusing on pool activities and other summer-themed games.
- **September:** Opening Ceremony, Respect for the Elderly Day, Autumn Outing (for a certain age group and older). Grandparents are invited to spend half a day with the children. Activities include grape picking and getting close to nature, with parents in attendance.
- **October:** Sports Day, Sweet Potato Digging Excursion (for the oldest age group). Enjoy Sports Day with a focus on parental involvement. Visit a contracted farm for sweet potato digging, exclusive to the oldest age group.
- **November:** Lumbini Fair, Music Concert, Sketch Excursion (for the oldest age group), Sweet Potato Restaurant. A fair organized by the Parent-Teacher

Association, featuring stalls and activities. A music concert for parents and children. The oldest age group goes on a sketching excursion, and the class opens a sweet potato restaurant.

- **December:** Enlightenment Day, Sports Day (for the oldest age group), Buffet Lunch, Rice Cake Pounding, Closing Ceremony. Attend a ceremony in the main hall for Enlightenment Day. Enjoy dodgeball, a buffet-style lunch, and rice cake pounding. Parents can observe these activities.
- **January:** New Year Party within the kindergarten, Free Childcare Visitation. Hold a festive New Year party with songs and calligraphy. Parents can freely observe childcare for four days.
- **February:** Setsubun Festival, Nirvana Day, Art Exhibition. The oldest children perform bean-scattering on Setsubun. Attend a ceremony in the main hall for Nirvana Day. Display artwork selected from this year's collection to deepen understanding of children's art.
- **March:** Buffet Lunch, Graduation Excursion (for the oldest age group), Appreciation Party (for the oldest age group), Closing Ceremony (for a certain age group and older), Completion Ceremony (for the oldest age group). Enjoy a buffet-style lunch once a term. The oldest age group goes on a graduation excursion to KidZania Tokyo. Host an appreciation party for completion and graduation, celebrating children's growth. Parents can observe the closing and completion ceremonies.

【Monthly Schedule】

Worship (Raihai):

- Attend the main hall to listen to the principal's talk and calm your heart with the sound of the pipe organ.
- *Parental participation is available.*

Evacuation Drill (Parent-Child Evacuation Drill):

- Training for scenarios like fires or earthquakes, with practice for parents on how to pick up their children around June.

Birthday Celebration (Tanjoubi-kai):

- Parents participate in the birthday celebration for children born in the respective month.
- *No parental participation for the Piccolo group.*

Tasting Session (Shishokukai):

- Enjoy a meal with your child prepared by the kindergarten's own cooking.
- *No tasting session for the Piccolo group.*

Farm Activities (Nouen):

- The toddler group waters plants and goes to harvest vegetables on the farm.

Weekly and Daily Schedule

Weekly Schedule (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday):

- 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM [Lunch Provided]

Wednesday:

- 9:00 AM to 12:45 PM [Bring Your Own Lunch]

Daily Schedule for Toddler Class

- **9:00 AM:** Arrival, morning preparations in each classroom (putting away belongings, attaching labels), free play, outdoor play.
- **10:15 AM:** Clean up, bathroom time, handwashing, morning gathering, activities.
- **11:00 AM:** Outdoor play (11:30 AM for middle class, after lunch for senior class).
- **11:45 AM:** Lunch (12:15 PM for middle class, 11:45 AM for senior class).
- **12:45 PM:** Free play.
- **2:00 PM:** Clean up, bathroom time, handwashing.
- **2:15 PM:** Afternoon gathering.
- **2:30 PM:** Departure

Arrive on time with the proper kindergarten hat and name tag. While regular kindergarten attire is flexible, on specified days (birthday celebrations, worship, etc.), children should wear the designated uniform. Backpacks and hats should be placed in lockers by the children themselves. Once the child is accustomed to self-preparation at the kindergarten, parents should hand over the child to the teacher at the entrance without entering the classroom.

Daily Schedule for Piccolo Class

[May to September] [No Lunch Provided]

- **9:00 AM:** Arrival, free play.
- **9:45 AM:** Clean up, bathroom time, handwashing.
- **10:10 AM:** Art activities, gymnastics, outdoor play.
- **11:30 AM:** Departure

[October to March] [Lunch Provided]

- **9:00 AM:** Arrival, free play.
- **9:45 AM:** Clean up, bathroom time, handwashing.
- **10:10 AM:** Art activities, gymnastics, outdoor play.
- **11:50 AM:** Lunch, free play.
- **1:00 PM:** Departure

Diaper changes are done as needed. From October to March, on Wednesdays, children bring their own lunch, and for Piccolo late-term classes starting in October, dismissal is at 11:30 AM. Lunch and bus services begin from November onwards.

Request to Parents

Regarding Absence, Tardiness, and Communication

- For matters such as absence, tardiness, early departure, and any communication with the kindergarten, please make sure to contact us through the "Contact App" by the deadline on the same day. Deadline: Walk-in Commute...8:45 am on the day / Bus Commute...7:30 am on the day * If you miss the deadline, you won't be able to contact us through the "Contact App," so please call the kindergarten directly.
- For bus commuters, if the bus has already departed, please contact the bus directly.
- Please refrain from calling the teacher during childcare hours.
- If absence is not registered in the "Contact App" and your child has not arrived at the kindergarten, we will confirm directly by phone.

Points to Note During Drop-off and Pickup

- Two parent name tags will be provided for each family, which will be required during drop-off and pickup.
- If you come to the kindergarten for pickup or any other reason, please make sure to wear the name tag. Those without a name tag will not be allowed inside the kindergarten or childcare room.
- Parents are responsible for the pickup of their child. If there are any inconveniences, please arrange for someone high school age or older. In such cases, please submit the "Change of Pickup Person Request Form" in advance.
- For those walking to the kindergarten, please come to the entrance of each childcare room.
- The main gate of the kindergarten is open for 20 minutes for security reasons. Please enter or exit during this time. If the main gate is closed, please use the office entrance.
- If entering from the office entrance, please raise your child's name on the intercom camera and state your class and name. If you forget your name tag, please inform the office. We will lend you a visitor's name tag. Please return it to the office before leaving.

About Entering the Kindergarten

- The entrance time is generally until 9:20 am. The main gate opens from 9:00 to 9:20 am. Please enter during the opening time and pay respects to the Buddha.
* In case of heavy rain, you may need to enter from the entrance. In that case, we will post a notice at the main gate until 8:55 am.
- If you use Carelun Vinnie or similar services and arrive before 9:00 am, please enter and exit from the office entrance.

About Leaving the Kindergarten

- The opening time of the main gate is 20 minutes from the departure time. Please leave within the opening time.
- When leaving, please pay respects at the childcare room, the Nonosama, or the Mizukake Jizo on the approach.

- After leaving, you can play with your child in the kindergarten garden during the following hours. [Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri] 14:30-15:15 / [Wed] 12:45-13:30 * For safety, it is your responsibility as a parent, so please be careful. Also, when you leave, please tidy up the playground equipment, etc., before returning. The main gate will be closed 20 minutes later, so please return from the office entrance.

About Pickup and Drop-off by Bicycle or Car

- Since the outside of the temple gate is a road, bicycles cannot be parked there.
- For pickup by bicycle, it is recommended to wear a helmet for safety.
- For those picking up by car, please observe the prohibited car entry times, and do not park on the water-friendly path beside the temple. Prohibited car entry times are linked to the entry times. Therefore, for accident prevention, please do not drive into the approach, the office front parking lot, or the Lai Hall during the following times:

Prohibited Car Entry Times

- Pickup Time: Mon-Fri: 8:45-9:30
- Drop-off Time: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 14:15-15:30 / Wed: 12:30-13:45 * Even for those walking, please be cautious of traffic accidents. Always walk hand in hand. * The prohibited times may change if a large bus comes for a field trip, etc. * Please drive slowly inside the approach.

About Bus Commuting for Infant Classes

- If your child is not taking the bus (absence, tardiness, early departure, direct pickup, etc.), please contact us through the "Contact App."
- For bus commuters, please note that the deadline for communication through the "Contact App" is earlier.
 - Morning communication (absence, tardiness, no bus required, communication) deadline...Every day ⇒ 7:30 am
 - Return communication (no bus required) deadline...Regular childcare (14:30 drop-off) ⇒ 13:30
Wednesday (12:45 drop-off) ⇒ 12:00
Early return (11:30 drop-off) ⇒ 10:30
 - Morning bus departure times: Red, Green Courses 7:45 am / Blue, Yellow Courses around 8:50 am
 - Return bus departure times: Red, Green Courses 14:30 drop-off 14:00 departure / 12:45 drop-off 12:30 departure / 11:30 drop-off 11:00 departure
 - Blue, Yellow Courses 14:30 drop-off 15:00 departure / 12:45 drop-off 13:30 departure / 11:30 drop-off 12:00 departure * The bus arrival time can be checked through the Contact App. * In case of emergencies or if you need to notify us after the bus has left, please contact us directly here: Red, Blue Courses TEL 070-3893-3222 / Green, Yellow Courses TEL 090-3524-8056

About Piccolo Class Bus Commuting

- For the return bus: Early term (May to September) departs from the kindergarten at 11:20 am / Late term (October to March) departs from the kindergarten at 12:45 pm.
 - Available only on Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri. The fee is free.
 - Return communication (no bus required) deadline Early term (May to September) 10:50 / Late term (October to March) 12:15 * On Wednesdays and days when kindergarten children are dropped off at 11:30 and 12:45, the bus does not operate.
- * There is no bus for entering the kindergarten. * For Piccolo late-term classes starting in October, school meals and bus services will begin in November. * In the late term (October to March), the bus departure time may vary depending on the number of participants and the route.

Request Regarding Bus Commuting

- Due to road conditions, the bus arrival may be slightly delayed, so please understand. If you set up arrival notifications through the "Contact App," an arrival notification email will be sent. However, please consider this as a rough estimate, as actual arrival times may vary depending on the day's traffic and mobile phone signal conditions. Please make sure to be at the

[Regarding Nursery School Uniform]

- Wearing the nursery school uniform or matching clothes is optional on regular days. Specific days for wearing the nursery school uniform will be announced on the monthly schedule.
 - There is no specific nursery school uniform or hat for the Piccolo class. The purchase of matching clothes for the Infant class is optional for those who wish to buy them.
 - Regarding the winter and summer nursery school uniforms, parents are kindly requested to consider the temperature and the child's health when making choices.
- Please attach the name tag to the nursery school uniform when worn and to the left chest of the clothes worn on days without the nursery school uniform.
- Be sure to wear the nursery school hat every day.
- For arrival and departure from the nursery, please make sure to have the child wear a
- backpack.

[Dress Code]

- When dressing, avoid using belts, hoods, overalls, and similar items. • The color and style of outdoor shoes are free, but avoid overly large ones or sandals. Please ensure that your child wears shoes that fit well and are easy to put on and take off. Avoid shoes with

laces as they may pose a tripping hazard. · For hair accessories, avoid anything dangerous.

【Birthday Celebration】

· Birthday celebrations with parental participation are held starting from the preschool class. Details will be provided by the homeroom teacher as the celebration approaches. For your child's birthday celebration, please bring a single favorite flower. After decorating the room, it will be offered to the Buddha.

【Other Information】

· Please submit required documents by the specified deadline. · Handwritten letters from home should be given directly to the homeroom teacher. *For those using the bus, please hand it to the bus teacher. · Residents of Edogawa Ward should submit copies of the "Infant Medical Certificate" and "Insurance Card" to the kindergarten. We will use this information when taking your child to the hospital in case of injury. If the documents expire, please submit new ones. *Details on submission will be provided separately. · If there are changes to the information submitted to the kindergarten, please contact the office, and we will provide you with the necessary documents.

- Change of address, contact information, phone number, workplace, etc. ... Change of Information Form
- New bus usage application ... Bus Survey
- Change in bus usage ... Bus Usage Change Form
- Absence from kindergarten ... Leave of Absence Form
- Withdrawal from kindergarten ... Withdrawal Form There are also various other documents available. If needed, please visit the office. · Please check the documentation at the entrance of the childcare room during drop-off and pick-up times. · In the middle and senior classes, there is a box for scrap materials. Please provide scrap materials as they will be used in creative activities. · Please do not climb the wooden stairs leading to the main hall with outdoor shoes. · The ribbon color of disaster prevention hoods will change as the class composition changes from junior to middle class. · In case of infectious diseases, we will notify you through the "Communication App" at 9:00 am every day. · Please refrain from eating snacks or food inside the kindergarten. · At the beginning of the fiscal year and in the middle and senior classes, we will use a full-body or face L-size photo of your child for duty cards. · Although the approach is within the temple, vehicles pass through, so please be careful and watch over your child. · In the main hall, please do not remove your hat and refrain from eating and drinking. · The kindergarten's security includes 13 security cameras. Doors with human traffic have numeric keypad locks, the main gate has a padlock, the entrance has an intercom with nameplate confirmation, and personnel are stationed to confirm nameplates when the main

gate is open, preventing the entry of unauthorized individuals. About the Communication App In this kindergarten, we use the "Communication App" from Bus Catch to address the following issues. *We will provide you with a registration form before enrollment.

【Distribution from the Kindergarten】

- Emergency pick-up or closure due to disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, urgent closures or closures due to weather conditions such as heavy snow or storm warnings
- Notices from the kindergarten (event information, other information)
- Distribution of children's activities in the kindergarten (documentation, class newsletters, etc.)
- Surveys

【For Parents to Manage Themselves】

- Notification of absence, lateness, early departure, contact with the kindergarten, boarding bus, alighting bus
Deadline: Walking to kindergarten ... 8:45 am on the day / Bus to kindergarten ... 7:30 am on the day *If the deadline has passed, you will not be able to contact us through the "Communication App," so please contact the kindergarten by phone. Also, if you are using the bus to go to the kindergarten, please contact the bus directly if it has already departed. *For more details about the bus, please refer to the section on bus commuting.

- Red and Blue Courses 070-3893-3222 Green and Yellow Courses 090-3524-8056
- Adjustments to the current position information of the bus, etc. based on the scheduled arrival time of the bus (for bus users)
- Application, reservation, and cancellation for the use of Care Lumbini (see separate sheet for details) in the case of using the facility *While kindergarten notices are primarily distributed through the "Communication App," the following materials will be distributed on paper.
- Monthly schedule, menu table, Ahiru (newsletter), Hotokenoko (newsletter), invoice, Edogawa Ward public relations, and other external notices (P series, guardian series, etc.)

【Piccolo Class Belongings】

Items for Piccolo Class:

- **Change of Clothes Bag:** Please include 2 to 3 sets of clothes, underwear, and socks. Take it home at the end of the month to check its contents. Adjust the string length as it may touch the floor if too long.
- **Indoor Shoes Bag:** Bring it on Monday morning and take it home within the day. Bring it back on Friday. It can be handmade or store-bought.
- **Indoor Shoes:** Ideally, white ballet shoes. Write the child's name prominently on the toe. Take it home over the weekend, wash it, and bring it back on Monday.
- **Backpack:** If you prefer, you can purchase the backpack for use in the preschool class.
- **Colored Hat:** Used for outdoor play. Take it home over the weekend, wash it, and bring it back on Monday.
- **Name Tag:** Wear it on the back every day for drop-off and leave it on for pick-up.
- **Water Bottle:** Bring water or tea.
- **Hand Towel:** Take it home every day for washing and bring a new towel the next day.

Items to Prepare Before the Start of School Lunch:

- **Apron:** Write the name prominently.

For all belongings, including undergarments, please write the class and name clearly in hiragana where it is easily visible. If it fades, be sure to rewrite it.

Preschool Class Items:

If both columns have a checkmark (○), you can either prepare it at home or purchase it at the school. Items with a checkmark in the school column can be purchased at the school window. *1 denotes an annual supply, which will be provided by the school at the beginning of the year. Please replenish as needed at home.

(Change of clothes bag)

Please put 2-3 sets of clothes, underwear, and socks. Take it home at the end of the month to check its contents. Adjust the string length to avoid the bottom of the bag touching the floor.

(Indoor shoes)

Primarily white ballet shoes. Write the child's name prominently on the toe. Take them home over the weekend, wash them, and bring them back on Monday.

(Indoor shoes bag)

Bring it on Monday morning, take it home on the same day, and bring it back on Friday. It can be handmade or store-bought.

(Smock)

Always keep it at the nursery. It's fine if it's homemade. You can also purchase it at the nursery office. Attach a loop to hang it on a hook. Write the name where it is clearly visible on the front, or sew it on.

(Book bag)

Take home books during the monthly birthday celebration. Also, take home items made at the nursery.

(Rosary bag)

Attach a drawstring pouch to the side of the backpack and put the rosary inside.

(Rosary)

Attach a small piece of fabric, write the name, and take it home.

(Backpack)

(Nursery hat)

In summer, use a straw hat, and in winter, use a felt hat. Attach the nursery batch on the left side.

(Name tag)

Wear it on the left chest every day for drop-off and leave it on for pick-up.

(Nursery badge)

Write the name in black marker.

⟨In the toolbox⟩

(Toolbox)

Write your name on both the top and bottom of the toolbox.

(Scissors)

Store the cover and nametag at home. It's good if you attach a small piece of fabric with the name; it makes it less likely to come off.

⟨In the locker⟩

(Disaster prevention hood)

Write the child's name, guardian's name, address, phone number, blood type, and emergency contact on the white part. Attach a ribbon indicating the class at the top of the head.

(Free sketchbook)

(Color hat)

Used for outdoor play. Take it home over the weekend, wash it, and bring it back on Monday.

(Crayons)

Write the name on the box and each crayon.

(Markers, for ages 中～年中)

〈In the backpack〉

(Lunch napkin)

Put it in a drawstring bag or Ziploc.

(Sticker book)

(Water bottle)

Bring water or tea. It's good if it can be opened with one touch. No need for a string.

About School Lunch and Bento

Eating is crucial for nurturing rich humanity and acquiring the ability to live. We believe that through various experiences gained while eating, we can cultivate and nurture a healthy mind and body throughout a lifetime.

[Regarding School Lunch Days]

- On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, we provide cooked school lunches prepared on-site. * On Wednesday, please bring a packed lunch.

[Regarding Menu and Display Meals]

- We make an effort to create a menu considering nutritional balance and provide safe and delicious meals. The menu will be distributed at the end of each

month. The day's school lunch is displayed in front of the lunchroom, so feel free to stop by on your way home.

[Regarding Items for School Lunch]

- Preschool Class: Lunchtime hand towel (please bring it in a pouch or Ziplock bag).
- Piccolo Class: Apron (refer to page 16, "Items to Prepare Before Starting School Lunch").

[Regarding School Lunch Tasting Session]

- The schedule for the school lunch tasting session will be communicated during the initial annual parents' meeting. One parent is invited to attend for each child. This session is only for the preschool class; Piccolo class does not participate.
* A fee of ¥350 will be charged for the school lunch tasting session.

[Regarding Food Allergy Support]

- In case of food allergies, please submit a doctor's diagnosis, and we will provide individualized support.

[Regarding Bento]

- On Wednesday, please bring a packed lunch. Consolidate the lunch box, spoon, fork, chopsticks (not required for younger and Piccolo classes), cup, lunchtime hand towel (not required for Piccolo), and apron (not required for children aged four and above). Initially, pack a small amount until your child gets used to it, and celebrate the joy of finishing the meal. Cut items like cherry tomatoes and grapes into quarters to prevent choking accidents.

[Regarding Birthday Celebration Bento]

- On the day of the birthday celebration, we have a "Fun Bento." * Please check the monthly schedule for the date. On this day, you can bring juice and desserts (pudding, jelly, yogurt, etc.) as a special treat. Be sure to write the child's name, put it in a plastic bag, and bring it. Please take the trash back home in the plastic bag.

[Other Information]

- In the school, we recite the following words as a "pre-meal blessing": "Truly for the sake of living, we receive this meal now. We express gratitude for the blessings of the given heaven and earth. Let us eat." Please try saying this at home as well.
- Throughout the year, the middle and senior classes have duty activities. Please prepare a photo of the child for the duty roster (size: L).

Health and Health Management

〈Request from the Nursery〉

If your child needs to be absent due to illness or injury, please notify us through the "Contact App" or by phone. During the notification, whether through the app or by phone, please provide details such as the diagnosis and symptoms.

Not only for absences but also in cases of health issues like injuries that occur at home or when your child is undergoing medical treatment, please inform the homeroom teacher through the "Contact App" or in writing. When returning to the nursery after illness or injury, inform the doctor that your child attends the nursery, confirm if it is permissible to return, and then notify us. If your child has a chronic condition, such as allergies, seizures, heart disease, asthma, etc., please inform us during enrollment and also update us if there are changes during the academic year.

There are also rules for preventing infectious diseases (see below for details).

〈Infectious Diseases and Nursery Admission Permits〉

- If a child contracts an infectious disease, please treat them before allowing them to return to the nursery.
- For nursery attendance, consult with a doctor, and if the child has a contagious disease listed in the separate document "Notice of Infectious Diseases," submit the nursery admission permit when returning.
- In the case of COVID-19 infection, follow the standards set by the government.

〈Submission of "Medication Request"〉

We generally do not keep medicines, except when necessary according to a doctor's instructions.

- Place one dose (with date and name) in a bag along with the separate document 2 "Medication Request" and hand it to the homeroom teacher (for bus riders, to the bus teacher).
- When obtaining prescribed medication from the hospital, arrange with the hospital to be able to handle it outside of childcare hours, and we will only keep it if absolutely necessary.
- Attach medication information (including side effects) to the back of the "Medication Request" every time.
- For those who arrive before 9:00, hand the medicine to the caregiver in the childcare room, saying, "This is medicine." Medicine not handed over cannot be administered.
- For medications needed for an extended period, such as allergy medicine, consult with the homeroom teacher. A doctor's prescription is required.
- The same applies to topical medications and eye drops.
- For topical medications and eye drops, we generally accept one week's worth of "Medication Requests." Bring it back every day and submit it in the morning. If needed again, submit it once more.
- However, please understand that, depending on the child's condition, administration may not be possible.

Note: It is important to prevent accidental ingestion, so we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

⟨Pick-Up in Case of Fever, etc.⟩

If your child has a fever, we will call you to pick them up based on a temperature of 37.5°C. Even if not feverish, if your child shows general symptoms of feeling unwell (vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, etc.), we will contact you, so please be prepared to pick them up. Please ensure that we can always reach you in case of emergencies.

⟨Other Information⟩

- Clothes soiled during vomiting or diarrhea will not be washed at the nursery for the prevention of group infections. Please put them in a plastic bag and take them home.
- In the case of an injury at the nursery, depending on the situation, the homeroom teacher or nursery staff may take the child to the hospital (there is no designated hospital; it depends on the injury). We will immediately contact the parents in such cases. The nursery will advance the hospital fees, and settlement will be made later.
- Every morning at 9:00, we use the contact app to inform you of the infectious disease situation within the nursery under "Notices from the Nursery."

【Attendance Criteria】

Fever

- Absence: When the body temperature is 37.5°C or higher.
- Attendance Permitted: When using antipyretic medication, attendance is allowed if, after 6 hours have passed since the medication was taken, the body temperature remains below 37.5°C and the fever is not due to the antipyretic effect of the medication.

【Hygiene Considerations】

- When entering from outside, handwashing and gargling are performed.
- In the kindergarten and nursery classes where children serve meals themselves, aprons and triangular bandanas are worn during meal service. Caregivers wear dedicated masks, aprons, triangular bandanas, and disposable gloves (when directly handling food) during meal service.
- Tables are disinfected and wiped before and after meals.
- The cloth used to wipe tables is hand-washed with detergent every day, and it is replaced with a new one over the weekend.
- Vinyl cloths are used in the serving area and are disinfected before and after use.
- Disinfectant is used, utilizing pasteurization.
- The classroom water source is cleaned and kept hygienic daily.
- Toilets are cleaned and kept clean by cleaning staff and personnel every day.

【Emergency Pick-Up Procedures】

In the event of a disaster (major earthquake, tsunami, earthquake fire, weather-related disaster, etc.), we will evacuate to the first evacuation location, the playground of Rumbini Kindergarten and Nursery. However, in cases where there is a risk of building collapse or

fire, we will evacuate to the second evacuation location (Shimokamata Elementary School) for protection. If there is a perceived risk of a tsunami when heading to the second evacuation location and there is no time for evacuation, we will temporarily evacuate to Myofukuji Shoin (Raiko Hall), which is adjacent to the kindergarten and nursery. If there is enough time, we will evacuate on foot to the second evacuation location (Shimokamata Elementary School) and provide protection. In either case, we will notify parents through the contact app, display signs or bulletin boards at the entrance indicating the evacuation destination, and take possible measures to communicate the information to parents. Regarding pick-up, please come for pick-up as soon as possible. Until the pick-up, we will take responsibility for the children at the nursery. There is also a stockpile of disaster food and water in the log house behind the nursery. In the case of keeping children at the nursery, we will use the stocked food and water.

First Evacuation Location: Rumbini Kindergarten and Nursery Playground
Second Evacuation Location: Edogawa City Shimokamata Elementary School
Third Evacuation Location: Myofukuji Shoin (Raiko Hall)

【Extracurricular Classes】

Extracurricular classes entrusted to external instructors are conducted within the school premises for kindergarten children, students, and adults. Participation is open for Nursery, Kindergarten, and School-aged children. Separate fees apply.

1. Sculpture Class

- Instructor: Ogasawara Mori, Yonaha Takeshi, Torii Ayumu, Mineno Yusuko, Kujima Yuki
- Location: Lunch Room
- Schedule: Every Friday, Nencho Class 13:50–14:40, Nencho Class 15:00–16:00, Elementary School Class 16:30–17:30
- Painting Class (3rd grade elementary school and above) 17:00–18:00 or 18:00–19:00 (flexible timing)
- Fees: Enrollment Fee 1,000 yen (one-time), Monthly Fee 4,100 yen (Monthly Fee 3,800 yen + Consumption Tax 304 yen / 4 yen borne by the class)
- *For mid-month enrollment: Daily rate for 1 day is 1,100 yen, 2 days 2,100 yen, 3 days 3,100 yen

2. Piano Class (Shimamura Gakki)

- Instructor: Matsubayashi Yumi
- Target: 4 years old to adults
- Location: Rumbini Kindergarten Building
- Schedule: Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 14:00–, Every Wednesday 13:30– (Individual lessons, 30 minutes each)
- Fees: Enrollment Fee 1,543 yen, Monthly Fee 7,200 yen~

3. Violin Class

- Instructor: Komiyama Tomoko
- Target: 3 years old to adults

- Location: Raiko Hall
- Schedule: Every Monday 16:30–18:00, 3–4 times a month (Individual lessons, 30 minutes each)
- Fees: Monthly Fee 10,000 yen

4. Rumbini Choir

- Instructor: Umezu Kaori
- Target: Adults
- Location: Raiko Hall
- Schedule: Every Tuesday 10:30–12:00
- Fees: Monthly Fee 3,000 yen

5. English Conversation Class (JumpStart)

- Instructors: Yamada Sueko and other foreign instructors
- Target: Nursery, Kindergarten, Nencho, Elementary School students
- Location: Piccolo Ayame
- Schedule: Every Wednesday, Ants1: 13:10–13:50, Ants2 Nencho: 14:00–14:40, Hippos Nencho: 15:00–15:40, Pegasus/Hippos Nencho/Elementary School: 15:50–16:35, 16:40–17:25
- Fees: Monthly Class Lesson Fee 5,500 yen~, Material Fee around 3,000 yen

6. Calligraphy Class

- Instructor: Fujiwara Yoko, Satoko Yoshiko
- Target: Nencho, Elementary School, Middle School students
- Location: Piccolo
- Schedule: Every Tuesday 14:00–14:30 / 14:40–15:10
- Fees: 1st graders: Enrollment Fee 1,000 yen, Monthly Fee 3,500 yen, Initial Fee for the first time only 4,800 yen

7. Ballet Class (Ballet Studio MBL)

- Instructor: Issei Kiyoshi
- Target: Nursery, Kindergarten, Nencho
- Location: Ume 1, Ume 2
- Schedule: Every Tuesday, Toddler Class 15:15–16:00
- Fees: Monthly Fee 5,000 yen, Enrollment Fee 5,000 yen (Enrollment Fee waived for the second person onwards)

8. Pipe Organ Class

- Instructor: Kojima Yaneiko
- Target: Adults
- Location: Myofuku-ji Main Hall
- Schedule: Thursdays 10:00–16:00, and by appointment
- Fees: Beginner 6,000 yen (1 session, 45 minutes), Intermediate 8,000 yen (1 session, 1 hour)

9. Dance Class (One Play.)

- Instructors: Airi, Mizuki
- Target: 3 years old to Elementary School
- Location: Lunch Room
- Schedule: Every Monday, 3 years old 14:00–14:45, 4–5 years old 15:00–16:00, Elementary School 16:30–17:30
- Fees: Enrollment Fee 5,500 yen, Annual Fee 6,500 yen, Monthly Fee 3–5 years old / Elementary School 5,500 yen

10. Soccer Class (FC.Forte K-2)

- Instructors: Sugawara Toshiyuki, Yamauchi Ryo
- Target: Nursery and above
- Location: Rumbini Gakuen Schoolyard, Waterside Sports Garden
- Schedule: Every Thursday 13:30–14:30 (Schoolyard), Mon-Wed-Thu 14:30–16:30 (Waterside Sports Garden)
- Fees: Annual Fee 5,000 yen, Sports Insurance Fee 800 yen (one-time), Monthly Fee 5,000 yen

11. Karate Class (Karatedo Kodokai)

- Instructors: Wakisaka Jun, Wakisaka Tsubasa
- Target: 3 years old to adults
- Location: Ume 1, Ume 2
- Schedule: Every Thursday (3 times a month), Toddler to Nencho 15:00–15:50, Elementary School and above 16:00–16:50
- Fees: Monthly Fee 4,000 yen

12. Tennis Club

- Instructors: Ichida Miki Coach, Miyosako Eko Coach
- Target: Adults
- Location: Tanigawauchi Tennis Court
- Schedule: Every Thursday 10:00–12:00
- Fees: Monthly Fee 2,000 yen

13. Handbell Club

- Target: Adults
- Location: Raiko Hall, Shinran-do
- Schedule: Wednesday 10:00–12:00 (Irregular, once a month)