

# How to use this Guidebook

## **Guidebook for Parents of Students Entering Japanese Schools**

This guidebook was made for the parents/guardians of children entering a Japanese school, to help explain about Japanese schools and the Japanese school system. Currently the guidebook is provided in Chinese and Portuguese because these are the languages deemed to be most necessary, based on foreigner registration numbers in Shimane Prefecture.

The contents have been selected based on documents distributed throughout the year to the parents and guardians of elementary and junior high school students. Items that are common to both elementary and junior high schools have been chosen. The contents are divided into 4 sections.

- 1) **School Life & Administration.**
- 2) **Health & Safety.**
- 3) **Useful Words for School**
- 4) **Forms**

In order to provide for the diverse range of academic and career guidance materials for junior high school students it would be necessary to provide more details than this guidebook has scope for, so instead we have provided some broad outlines of their options after they graduate.

### **3) Useful Words for School**

Not all of the school related terminology fits into sections 1) or 2) so we created section 3) Useful Words for School. We have included words that we believe will be useful at school. These words are not divided into particular categories.

### **4) Forms**

This section contains various forms and questionnaires that you will need to fill out and submit once your child begins school, as well as forms relating to health and safety etc.

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Please make a copy of the relevant page(s) in either section 1) School Life & Administration, or 2) Health & Safety, and tick the boxes next to the relevant word(s). Words from section 3) should be inserted into the contents of sections 1) and 2) as necessary.