

# WAKAYAMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ENGLISH FOREST SCHOOL

Classes will begin from April 2024 for 3-6 year old children

## ABOUT:

In the spring of 2024, W.I.S.E. plan to open Japan's first and only "all-British International Forest School" in Kimiidera, Wakayama City. Building on W.I.S.E.'s ethos of delivering high quality and affordable English education in Wakayama, W.I.S.E. forest school will be so much more than just another school...



The concept of the 'forest school' was developed in northern Europe during the 1950's and later became a key part of the education narrative at kindergartens and elementary schools throughout the continent. In the UK alone, there are now over 10,000 forest schools as the evidence for forest school children is clear – they perform better overall later in life. According to Plymouth Marjon University (2023) *"Research in the UK into Forest School and its impacts on young children found positive impacts on children in terms of confidence, social skills, language and communication, motivation and concentration, physical skills and knowledge and understanding"*.

As a natural world enthusiast and MSc Environmental Management scholar, Rob Sensei's aim is to bring such a curriculum to Wakayama - in English. In an environment surrounded by nature there will be an English classroom, forest library, campground, allotment and activity centre. All activities and lessons undertaken will be designed to build fundamental life skills that develop character, personality, social interactions, physical mobility and independence.

Please contact W.I.S.E. for more information. Thank you.

