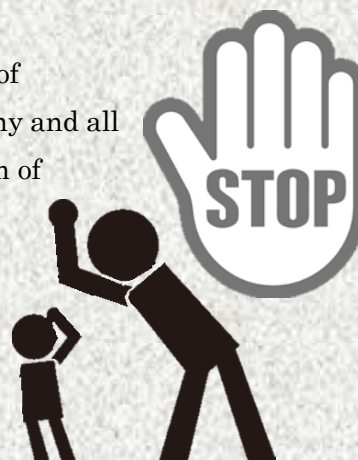


## Child-Rearing Tips

Any form of child abuse is prohibited by law! As a result of revisions to the Child Welfare Act back in April this year, any and all forms of child abuse are strictly prohibited by law. Any form of actions with the intent of causing physical or mental stress to the child is child abuse!

Let's think about how we can create society where all children can develop and prosper together!



### There is no excuse for “Tough Love”

Tough love is a form of abuse. There is a stress placed on the child on top of the deep-seated mental impact that makes it easy to identify tough love as a form of abuse.

### The difference between “Abuse” and “Discipline”

There are still plenty of people who believe “abuse” and “discipline” are interchangeable. This is not true. Discipline can be achieved through words, example, and other methods; there is no need to cause physical or mental stress to a child. **It is very important to first think about how you can present the information in a way such that a child can easily digest it and achieve the desired result.**

Please also keep in mind that physical violence is not the only form of abuse; verbal abuse is also child abuse. Research shows that all forms of abuse (physical, mental, emotional, etc.) have severe and negative, everlasting effects on children’s physical and mental growth and development.

#### Examples of Abuse

- I warned my child many times but did not listen, so I spanked my child.
- My child hit their friend, so in order for my child to understand the pain they caused, I hit my child.
- My child pulled a prank, so I made my child sit still for a long period of time.
- My child did not do their homework, so I did not give them dinner.

## Helpful “Gentle Parenting” Tips

To avoid paths that may lead to abuse, we must first address the thoughts such as “*Just a little wouldn’t hurt*” or any other related, dangerous patterns.

Try thinking about adding the following tips to your belt of parenting tools

### Listen to the Them

There is always a reason as to why a child does not cooperate; whether it is that the child’s way of thinking is different or they simply did not understand what you said, there is always a reason for their behavior. Calm down and with a leveled head, ask politely why they are not cooperating.

If there is ever a misunderstanding or an ongoing “bad behavior”, then do not avoid or deny it. Instead, together, negotiate how you can make things better in the future.

### Avoid Imperative Statements

Instead of imperative statements such as “Do X!”, try suggestive, cooperative, more guided, affirmative questioning or statements such as “Shall we do X?”



### Let Them Choose

Instead of “Get ready for bed!” try something like, “Do you want to change into your pajamas first? Or should we brush our teeth first?” Try to let them choose what they want to do while also guiding them in a constructive way.



### Compliment Your Child

By complimenting your child, you are nurturing their self-esteem. It is very important to compliment them while they are completing a task or when trying to reinforce a certain behavior.



### Create a Positive, Scold-Free Environment

Children are little balls of curiosity! Keep in mind that it may be best to keep things you do not want to be tampered with outside of reach or line of sight of your child. You should consider this method especially if you have any precious items you do not want your child to touch, flip over, break, etc. If it does happen, please try to avoid lashing out at or scolding your child.



## Important Information

### **Ganbare Fukui Tickets Round 2**

The *Ganbare* Fukui Tickets have come back with a second round of sets due to overwhelming success!

These tickets can be used at only specific shops throughout Fukui City (details below). Anyone can apply, so those who have purchased tickets during the first round are also encouraged to purchase more sets.

**Deadline:** October 17 (Sat.) \*In the case of mail, it must be sent by October 17)

**Only** those of age 18 and over living in Fukui City may apply

**Price:** 1 set is worth ¥4,000

\*Each set contains 12 tickets: 11 red tickets and 1 green ticket, valued at 500 yen each

**Valid Until:** January 31, 2021 (this is the last day you may use the tickets)

**How to Apply:** Either internet or via mail

\* In both cases, you will be asked to write your (1) Postal Code, (2) Address, (3) Apartment and room number (if applicable), (4) Name, (5) Birthday, (6) Phone Number, and (7) Desired Amount of sets you would like to purchase (sets are sold in bulk of 5 or 10 sets only). In the case of overwhelming demand, a lottery system will be used to decide.

**Purchase Location:** Time frame in which citizens may purchase them and where to purchase the sets will be sent via mail to those eligible to purchase them.

**If you would like to apply via internet, please use the QR code below!**

For help in filling out the form, use Fukui City's guide at  
[city.fukui.lg.jp/foreign/English/p016447\\_d/fil/ouenken2\\_en.pdf](http://city.fukui.lg.jp/foreign/English/p016447_d/fil/ouenken2_en.pdf)



If you see either of the following stickers,  
you can use your *Ganbare* Fukui Tickets!



Only **RED** tickets  
accepted here!



**GREEN** and **RED** tickets  
accepted here!

\*Participating stores will have one of the above stickers somewhere on display.

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### *Suisen Oshibana (Pressed Flower) Key Holder*

Ever thought of making your very own pressed flower key holder? You'll be using *suisen* (daffodil) petals, freshly picked from the garden itself.

**Where:** Echizen *Suisen no Sato Kōen*

**When:** Oct. 10 (Sat.) – 31 (Sat.)

**Fee:** 500 per key holder

\*You will also be required to pay a separate entrance fee

**Application/Reservation:** Can be done either in person or via phone call

**TEL:** 0776-89-2381

### *Halloween Pictures at Griffis Museum*

Griffis Museum will be decorated with balloons for a short period of time. Come take a special picture at this Western-style house during this Halloween season! Don't forget to check out their new mascot, William Griffis!

**Where:** Griffis Museum

**When:** Oct. 17 (Sat.) – 31 (Sat.), 10:00 – 19:00

\*Final admission at 18:30

Entry to the Griffis Museum is free all year round!

### *Protection Stones at Yōkōkan Garden*

Yōkōkan Garden has recently placed a Protection stone that is meant to represent people's wishes for COVID-19 to pass. A volunteer group called *Toneri no Kai* will be handing out free, hand-made *Sekimori-Ishi* (Protection Stones) that have been made in the image of *Amabie* (Japanese mythical creature said to prophesize epidemics or an abundant harvest) in hopes that this pandemic will soon end. The stones are called *Tome-ishi* (lit. stop stone) to "Stop" the current pandemic.

**When:** Oct. 17 (Sat.) – 18 (Sun.), 13:00 – 14:00

**Where:** Yōkōkan Garden

**Distributed Amount:** 25 per day (first come, first serve)

**Info:** Cultural Promotion Division

**TEL:** 0776-20-5367

### Leather Key Holder Workshop

Make a key holder out of real leather and domestically produced, original flowers made out of reflective material at this workshop! You will have a chance to personalize your key holder with your name or personally-drawn art! These key holders are made with higher-end material, so they should last quite a while!

**When:** Oct. 24 (Sat.), 2 Sessions

Session 1

10:00 – 11:30

Session 2

13:00 – 14:30

**Where:** Fukubukukan (Happiring 2F)

**Host:** Leather Craftsman, Maegawa Hiromi

**Capacity:** 15 per session (first come, first serve)

**Application:** Phone reception begins Oct. 15 (Thu.)

**TEL:** 0776-20-2929

### Take a Stroll around Fukui Castle Ruins

Join in on the fun and take a walk around what used to be Fukui castle.

**When:** Nov. 3 (Tue.) 10:00 – 12:00

\*Event will not be cancelled in the event of light rain

**Meeting Location:** Entrance to the Main Building of City Hall

**Capacity:** 20 (first come, first serve)

**Application:** Reception begins Oct. 19 (Mon.) via phone

**TEL:** 0776-35-1015

### Fukui Mini-Music Festival

Over 10 bands will be performing at various public venues around Fukui Station. They will only be performing for one day, so be sure to visit all the locations!

**When:** Oct. 25 (Sun.) from 12:00 – 18:30

**Locations:**

- Happiterrace
- Seibu 2F Public Area
- Galleria Pocket
- Apple Road

\*Bands will only play on Apple Road if weather permits

**Capacity:** Happiterrace can seat around 100, around 20 at all other venues

\*For seats at Happiterrace, queue tickets will be distributed one hour before the first performance

### Museum Exhibit: Wears Suited for Warriors

The Fukui City History Museum will be introducing traditional clothing of the Edo Period such as armor and *Haori* (similar to a large jacket) to show off some of the stylish designs of the time when warriors still roamed the streets.

**Where:** Fukui City History Museum

**When:** Oct. 10 (Sat.) – Nov. 29 (Sun.)

Open from 9:00 – 19:00

\*Museum closes at 17:00 starting on Nov. 6 (Fri.)

\*\*Final admission 30 minutes before closing

**Closed:** Nov. 24 (Tue.)

**Entrance Fee:** 220 yen

\*Those of middle school age and under, elderly of age 70 and up and those with disabilities along with their assistant will be granted free admission.

### Fall Special Exhibit: Old Swords of Hokuriku

Do you like Japanese katanas? Well, now is your chance to see some up close! Come see swords around 700 years old from the Nanbokuchō Period to the Muramachi Period.

**Where:** Fukui City History Museum

**When:** Oct. 10 (Sat.) – Nov. 23 (Sun.) from 9:00 – 19:00

\*The museum will close at 17:00 starting Nov. 6 (Fri.)

\*\*Final admission 30 minutes prior to closing

**Entrance Fee:**

Adults 700 yen

High school / University students 500 yen

\*Those of middle school age and under, elderly of age 70 and up and those with disabilities along with their assistant will be granted free admission.

\*\*Plans are subject to change if the pandemic situation worsens