



ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

Early Childhood Service Name	Bloesem Early Learning Centre
Profile Number	46849
Location	Te Puke

ERO's Akanuku | Assurance Review reports provide information about whether a service meets and maintains regulatory standards. Further information about Akanuku | Assurance Reviews is included at the end of this report.

ERO's Judgement

Regulatory standards	ERO's judgement
Curriculum	Meeting
Premises and facilities	Meeting
Health and safety	Meeting
Governance, management and administration	Meeting

At the time of the review, ERO found the service was taking reasonable steps to meet regulatory standards.

Background

Bloesem Early Learning Centre is privately owned and operated and located in a residential area of Te Puke. Previously known as Above and Beyond it has been re-licensed under new ownership since April 2019. The centre manager/owner leads a team of 10 qualified and registered teachers. This is the service's first ERO review as Bloesem Early Learning Centre.

Summary of Review Findings

Children experience respectful and positive relationships with their teachers. Their choices and preferences are encouraged through an emphasis on interest-based learning. Children's learning and development is linked to the curriculum and teachers demonstrate knowledge of current theory through their interactions and practice. Children's competence and confidence is evident and promoted.

The Centre philosophy of whanaungatanga is evident through relationships. There is a sufficient quantity and variety of equipment and materials appropriate for the learning and abilities of the children attending. Parents are involved in the learning and development of their children, as well as centre reviews and initiatives. A Strategic and annual plan guide daily operations, and policy review consistent with regulations, supports centre improvement.

Key Next Steps

Next steps include:

- strengthening the extent to which information documented about children's learning reflects their language, culture and identity.
- increasing the range of opportunities children and their families have to share aspects of their culture with others in the service.

Next ERO Review

The next ERO review is likely to be an Akarangi | Quality Evaluation.



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Information About the Service

Service type	Education and care service
Number licensed for	46 children, including up to 15 aged under 2.
Percentage of qualified teachers	80%+
Service roll	59
Ethnic composition	Māori 13, NZ European/Pākehā 29, Indian 7, Other ethnic groups 10.
Review team on site	January 2021
Date of this report	24 February 2021
Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at www.ero.govt.nz	First ERO review of the service.

General Information about Assurance Reviews

All services are licensed under the [Education \(Early Childhood Services\) Regulations 2008](#). The legal requirements for early childhood services also include the [Licensing Criteria for Education and Care Services 2008](#).

Services must meet the standards in the regulations and the requirements of the licensing criteria to gain and maintain a licence to operate.

ERO undertakes an [Akanuku | Assurance Review process](#) in any centre-based service:

- having its first ERO review – including if it is part of a governing organisation
- previously identified as ‘not well placed’ or ‘requiring further development’
- that has moved from a provisional to a full licence
- that have been re-licensed due to a change of ownership
- where an Akanuku | Assurance Review process is determined to be appropriate.

Management Assurance on Legal Requirements

All early childhood services are required to promote children’s health and safety and to regularly review their compliance with legal requirements. Before the review, the staff and management of a service completed an [ERO Centre Assurance Statement and Self-Audit Checklist](#). In these documents they attested that they have taken all reasonable steps to meet their legal obligations related to:

- curriculum
- premises and facilities
- health and safety practices
- governance, management and administration.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO assesses whether the regulated standards are being met. In particular, ERO looks at a service’s systems for managing the following areas that have a potentially high impact on children's wellbeing:

- emotional safety (including positive guidance and child protection)
- physical safety (including supervision; sleep procedures; accidents; medication; hygiene; excursion policies and procedures)
- suitable staffing (including qualification levels; police vetting; teacher certification; ratios)
- evacuation procedures and practices for fire and earthquake.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO also gathers and records evidence through:

- discussions with those involved in the service
- consideration of relevant documentation, including the implementation of health and safety systems
- observations of the environment/premises, curriculum implementation and teaching practice.