



# ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

Early Childhood Service Name: Fun 'N' Play Childcare Centre

Profile Number: 46561

Location: Papatoetoe, Auckland

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

Fun 'N' Play Childcare Centre is a privately owned service. The owner/manager supports a recently appointed, qualified head teacher, who leads a team of two qualified teachers and two support staff. Almost half of the children enrolled at the service have Pacific heritages, and there is a small number of Māori learners.

## Summary of Review Findings

The service's curriculum is consistent with *Te Whāriki*, the early childhood curriculum. It is informed by assessment, planning, and evaluation that demonstrate an understanding of children's learning, their interests, whānau, and life contexts.

The curriculum acknowledges and reflects the unique place of Māori as tangata whenua. Children are given the opportunity to develop knowledge and an understanding of the cultural heritages of both parties to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The curriculum respects and supports the right of each child to be confident in their own culture, and encourages children to understand and respect other cultures.

## Key Next Steps

Next steps include:

- strengthening teachers' interactions with children to support their thinking and problem-solving capabilities
- supporting children to take increased responsibility for managing their interactions with other children, especially in relation to negotiating and dealing with conflict.


## Action for Compliance

During the review, the service provided ERO with evidence that shows it has addressed the following non-compliance:

- Maintaining a record of safety checks containing a risk assessment which is completed after all other relevant information is obtained (GMA7A).

## 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	50 children over the age of 2 years
Percentage of qualified teachers	50-79%
Service roll	44
Review team on site	November 2023
Date of this report	14 December 2023
Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at <a href="http://www.ero.govt.nz">www.ero.govt.nz</a>	Akanuku   Assurance Review, March 2022

## 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 license 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 regulatory 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; safety checking; teacher certification; ratios)
- relevant evacuation procedures and practices.

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.