



## ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

Early Childhood Service Name	Waatea Early Learning Centre
Profile Number	46650
Location	Mangere, 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

Since the onsite visit the service has provided ERO with evidence that shows it has addressed non-compliances and is now taking reasonable steps to meet regulatory standards.

### Background

Waatea Early Childhood Centre is governed by Te Whare Wānanga o Manukau Urban Māori Authority (MUMA). It is one of several not-for-profit, community-based services located at Waatea Marae. The centre provides a bilingual Māori curriculum. All children enrolled are Māori or have Pacific heritages.

### Summary of Review Findings

The service curriculum acknowledges and reflects the unique place of Māori as tangata whenua. Children are given opportunities to develop knowledge and understanding of cultural heritages of both parties to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Adults providing education and care engage in meaningful, positive interactions to enhance children's learning and nurture reciprocal relationships.

The design and layout of the premises supports the provision of a range of experiences both inside and outside. They include quiet spaces, areas of physical active play and space for individual and group learning experiences.

The service provider must ensure that licensing requirements are implemented and monitored. Once regular emergency drills are implemented, the service should complete an annual review of the emergency plan.

## Compliance

Since the onsite visit the service has provided ERO with evidence that shows it has addressed the following non-compliances:

- Ensuring a record of emergency drills carried out is documented (HS8).
- Documenting a risk management system to eliminate, isolate or minimise hazards to the safety of children (HS12).
- Monitoring that the temperature of warm water delivered from taps accessible to children is no higher than 40C, and comfortable for children at the centre to use (HS13).
- Monitoring that water stored in any hot water cylinder is kept at a temperature of at least 60°C (HS14).
- Ensuring a tempering valve or other accurate means of limiting hot water temperature is installed (PF24).
- Providing safe and stable nappy changing facilities that can be kept hygienically cleaned, are safe, appropriate for the age/weight and number of children needing to use them, and children's independence can be fostered as appropriate (PF25).
- Maintaining a first aid kit that complies with requirements of the licensing criteria (PF28).
- Ensuring that stretchers used over time for more than one child are securely covered with, or made of, non-porous material (PF30).
- Implementing suitable human resource management practices that include procedures for induction of staff (GMA7).
- Ensuring all workers who have access to children are safety checked in accordance with the Children's Act 2014, and there is a written procedure for safety checking that meets the requirements of the Act (GMA7A).
- Maintaining enrolment records for each child who has attended in the previous seven years (GMA10).
- maintaining attendance records for each child attending that are kept for seven years (GMA11).

## 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 2 years of age
Percentage of qualified teachers	80%+
Service roll	29
Ethnic composition	Māori 19 Cook Island Māori 4 other Pacific 6
Review team on site	May 2021
Date of this report	13 July 2021
Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at <a href="http://www.ero.govt.nz">www.ero.govt.nz</a>	Education Review, October 2017

## 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.