



ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

Early Childhood Service Name	Elite Early Childhood Education Ltd
Profile Number	34097
Location	Waihi

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

Elite Early Childhood Education Ltd is privately owned and operated and located in Waihi. Previously known as Beststart Waihi Kindy, it was re-licensed under new ownership in June 2020. The owner/manager leads a team of three teachers, two are qualified and registered and one unqualified. This is the centre's first ERO review as Elite Early Childhood Education Ltd.

Summary of Review Findings

Children are encouraged to make choices and decisions around their play. Their interests and strengths are promoted through a range of experiences within the environment. The service curriculum is inclusive and responsive to children as confident and competent learners. Respectful and positive relationships between teachers and children are evident.

The provision for parents to be involved in the learning and development of their children has been considered. The centre's strategic and annual plan guide service operation. Policy review is consistent with the criterion. Internal evaluation helps the service improve the quality of its education and care.

Key Next Steps

Next steps include:

- providing further opportunities for sharing and responding to the perspectives parents and whānau have about their children
- continuing to develop the local curriculum to reflect the learning priorities that are important to children, their families, teachers and the wider community.

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	30 children
Percentage of qualified teachers	80%+
Service roll	28
Ethnic composition	Māori 15, NZ European/Pākehā 13
Review team on site	January 2021
Date of this report	22 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.