

# ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

**Early Childhood Service Name:** Jemmas Homebased Childcare

**Profile Number:** 45331

**Location:** Papamoa, Tauranga

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

The service is one of three under the Jemma's umbrella. Two visiting teachers provide professional guidance to support educators, families, and children across Waikato. At the time of the review a small number of Māori and Tongan children were enrolled. The service returned to its full licence in July 2021.

## Summary of Review Findings

Infants, toddlers and young children experience meaningful and positive reciprocal relationships with educators. They are provided with a range of experiences to extend their learning and development. The curriculum supports children to develop oral language and social competence and is inclusive and informed by assessment and planning.

Positive steps are taken to respect and acknowledge parents' aspirations for their children. Information and guidance are sought from external agencies to support educators to work effectively with children with additional learning needs and their parents.

## Key Next Steps

Next steps include:

- continuing to explore and reflect te reo Māori me ona tikanga Māori in children's assessment documentation
- continuing to strengthen the extent to which information documented about children learning reflects their home culture, languages and learner identity.

## 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	Home-based service
Number licensed for	50 children, including up to 50 aged under 2
Service roll	14
Review team on site	December 2022
Date of this report	20 January 2023
Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at <a href="http://www.ero.govt.nz">www.ero.govt.nz</a>	Education Review, June 2019

## 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 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.