

Supervision Policy

Rationale:

Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten is committed to ensuring tamariki are kept safe and that relevant regulations, including ratios, are upheld at all times. This policy upholds the Education (ECS) Regulation: 44.

Te Whāriki:

Well-being/Mana Atua: Tamariki experience an environment where their emotional wellbeing is nurtured and where they are kept safe from harm.

Procedures:

1. The required ratios of adults to children are maintained at all times. The kindergarten class kaiako is the person responsible for their group of tamariki.
2. Kaiako will ensure there is adequate supervision of all areas of the kindergarten at all times when the tamariki are present. They will position themselves so they can see as much of the area they are responsible for supervising at once and will scan the space frequently to ensure the wellbeing and safety of tamariki.
3. Tamariki can be out of sight of kaiako if they feel it is safe to do so and will remain in hearing distance of the tamariki. The tamariki will be frequently checked on.
4. If a kaiako feels they cannot sustain active and focused supervision, they will request support from another team member.
5. Kindergarten classes stay together as a group, either inside or outside, unless agreed between kaiako that a tamaiti will temporarily spend some time in a different class.
6. Whenever there is a tamaiti/tamariki inside or outside, a staff member will be present in that space. Kaiako will not move from the area until another kaiako has come to swap with them.
7. If a kaiako needs to move from one area to another for any reason, such as to use the bathroom, they will clearly communicate this need to another staff member.
8. Supervision considerations include the physical environment, activities being undertaken, equipment being used, the group size, ages and needs of the tamariki.
9. Direct, close, active, and constant supervision by kaiako will be required if a learning experience or equipment includes an element of risk. For example, climbing, cooking, using ropes, cords or tools of any kind or activities near water or fire.

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