

Day-to-day Care Disputes Policy

Rationale:

To ensure that the rights, legal requirements and interests of tamariki and their parents involved in Family Court disputes are met while advocating for the welfare of the tamaiti. This policy upholds the Ministry of Education Licensing Criteria for Centre Based ECE Services: GMA 10.

Te Whāriki:

Well-being/Mana atua: Tamariki experience an environment where they are kept safe from harm.

Procedures:

1. Te Rāwhiti will collect information about the family's circumstances of each tamaiti enrolling at the kindergarten, including what the day-to-day care arrangements are for the tamaiti. This information will be recorded on the enrolment form at the time of enrolment and be updated whenever changes occur.
2. If there is a court order in place, it will be sighted, copied and filed upon enrolment, and whenever changes are made.
3. Parents not scheduled to care for their tamaiti will not be given supervised access to their child during kindergarten hours, unless written authorisation by the other parent has been given.
4. If a non-scheduled parent arrives at the kindergarten, records should be checked for information about access and the primary caregiver contacted. If it cannot be established that access is permitted, the parent will be asked by the kaiārahi to leave the premises. If they refuse, the police will be called.
5. Where necessary, we will work alongside Oranga Tamariki to uphold the safety and welfare of tamariki.
6. If a referral to an external agency is made and accepted, we are obliged to also inform the Ministry of Education (HS34).

Links To:

- The Rāwhiti's Child Protection Policy

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