



# ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

**Early Childhood Service Name:** Hagley Community Preschool

**Profile Number:** 48026

**Location:** Christchurch

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

Hagley Community Preschool is located on the campus at Hagley Community College. Since the June 2018 ERO review the centre has moved into a new building. The trust board, alongside a new centre manager, oversees the day-to-day operation of the service. Children attending are from a range of cultural heritages including a small number of Pacific and Māori children.

## Summary of Review Findings

Children experience a curriculum that is consistent with *Te Whāriki*, the early childhood curriculum. They have opportunities to develop an understanding of te reo Māori, te ao Māori and the dual heritages of Aotearoa New Zealand. Children's cultures are respected and supported through cultural celebrations and use of home languages. Teachers' interactions with infants, toddlers and older children are inclusive and positive.

The design and layout of the premises supports the provision of different types of indoor and outdoor play. There are new systems in place for monitoring aspects of health and safety practices.

## Actions for Compliance

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

- consistently obtaining written parental acknowledgement of the administration of medication.

*Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood Education and Care Services 2008, HS28.*

## 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	43 children, including up to 10 aged under 2
Percentage of qualified teachers	100%
Service roll	32
Review team on site	15 February 2023
Date of this report	19 April 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 2018; Education Review, February 2015

## 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.