



# ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

**Early Childhood Service Name:** Learning Links Rewi Street

**Profile Number:** 47781

**Location:** Te Awamutu

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

Learning Links Rewi Street is a privately-owned nursery centre catering for children from birth to two years of age. It is part of a wider group of services supported by the service owners, an operations manager, and a pedagogical leader. The service opened in January 2020.

## Summary of Review Findings

Children are provided with an appropriate range of opportunities to enhance learning and development, both indoors and outdoors. Kaiako engage in meaningful interactions, nurturing reciprocal relationships. They respond to children as confident, competent learners.

Adults ensure regular opportunities are provided to communicate with parents and whānau. Positive steps are taken to respect and acknowledge the aspirations they have for their child's learning. Assessment and planning reflects an understanding of children's learning, their interests, whānau, and life contexts.

Kaiako provide a language-rich environment. Children have opportunities to understand the cultural heritages of both parties to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

## Key Next Steps

Next steps include:

- increase the opportunities children have to hear and speak te reo Māori in meaningful learning contexts
- continue to develop the local curriculum to reflect learning that is important to children and their families, kaiako and the wider community
- increase the extent to which information documented about children's learning reflects their culture, language, and 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	Education and care service
Number licensed for	29 children, including up to 25 aged under 2
Percentage of qualified teachers	80-99%
Service roll	21
Ethnic composition	Māori 2, NZ European/Pākehā 11, Other ethnic groups 8
Review team on site	April 2022
Date of this report	14 July 2022
Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at <a href="http://www.ero.govt.nz">www.ero.govt.nz</a>	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.